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FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

Florida's Four Counted for Hayes and Wheeler.

Weeping and Wailing in the Democratic Camp—Bro. Carr Pours Coals of Fire Upon his Colleagues' Heads.

The Democrats Squirm Before Taking their Medicine.

Congress Proceeds with the Count—Everything Lovely until Louisiana Looms up—A Shower of Objections.

The Pelican State to be Considered by the Commission To-day.

WASHINGTON, February 12, 1877.

SENATE.

The Electoral Vote.

The session was resumed at ten o'clock with few Senators present. In response to a question by Mr. Davis, President Ferry said it would not be in order to take a recess except upon a question raised in joint convention.

At 2:20 the Clerk of the House appeared at the bar of the Senate, and announced the decision of the House that the counting of the vote of Florida shall not proceed in conformity with the decision of the Electoral Commission, and also notified the senate that the House was now ready to meet the Senate in joint meeting. The Senate then proceeded to the Hall of the House.

The Senate returned to its Chamber at 4:15, when legislative business was resumed.

The Oregon Case.

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Committee on Privileges and elections, submitted a resolution providing for the issue of an attachment for Conrad N. Jordan, cashier of the Third National Bank of New York, he having failed to appear before the committee and produce the accounts of Samuel J. Tilden, W. T. Pelton and A. S. Hewitt with that bank.

Mr. SAULSBURY objected to the consideration of the resolution to-day, and it was laid over until to-morrow. He said no objection to the resolution because of the recent report by a majority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections; besides there were matters connected with it which should be inquired into before any such resolution was passed.

By unanimous consent it was understood that no business should be transacted by the Senate between 10 and 12 o'clock A. M. during the time the Electoral Commission have the Louisiana case under consideration.

The Senate then went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened took a recess until 10 to-morrow.

HOUSE.

The session was resumed at ten o'clock.

The Democratic Objection.

Mr. MCCRARY rose to open the discussion upon the objection to the decision of the Electoral Commission.

Mr. CLYMER raised the point that there was no quorum present.

It was then agreed that the debate should not begin till half past ten. At that hour Mr. FIELD offered the following:

Ordered, That the counting of the electoral vote from Florida shall not proceed in conformity with the decision of the Electoral Commission, but that the votes of Cali. Yonge, Hilliard and Bullock be counted as the vote from the State of Florida for President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. HALE moved an amendment:

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The Democratic Game.

Mr. KNOTT offered as a substitute an order reciting the language of the Electoral Act, that the Commission might inquire into such petitions, depositions and other papers as shall by the Constitution and now existing law be competent; recites also the fact that in the Florida case the Commission had decided and determined that no evidence would be received or considered which had not been submitted to the two Houses in joint convention by the Presidents of the Senate and House of Representatives; that of the Hayes electors, contained no evidence whatever, while certificates Nos. 2 and 3 (Tilden electors) originally sent by the Governor of Florida, showing that the latter had been duly elected and appointed as electors, and therefore ordering that the decision of the Senate in the case of the counting thereof be remanded and recommitted to the Commission, with a request that the same be so corrected or explained, and that the Commission be requested to furnish in detail the true reasons of its decisions, so that the House may be enlightened as to the course it ought to pursue in the discharge of its duties, and that in the meantime the votes of the Hayes electors be not counted.

The Law on the Subject.

Mr. HALE made a point of order that under the Electoral Commission, it was the imperative duty of the House, at the end of two hours' debate, to vote on the main question, which was whether the votes should be counted in conformity with the decision, and that nothing in the shape of delay, "in whatever form presented," could now arrest the wheels of the decision.

Mr. WILSON (Iowa) added to Mr. Hale's point of order that this House could refer nothing to the Commission that would change at least concurrence action.

A Tender Spot.

Mr. WOOD (N. Y.) declared that any intimation of a desire on the part of the Democratic side of the House to interpose any factious opposition to any decision of the Electoral Commission was being gratuitous and unsupported by anything that had taken place.

Mr. HALE—Has anything been said this morning to indicate any charge of that kind?

Mr. WOOD—The gentleman has just spoken of delay, and has intimated that there is an intentional disposition on the part of the House to delay action. I can assure the gentleman that there is no such intention. While we are ready in good faith to carry out in all respects the Electoral Commission Act, and the result of that may be declared in pursuance of it, still at the same time we demand the right of free expression of opinion.

Mr. KNOTT contested the point of order, and thought there was nothing in the law which prevented the House, with the concurrence of the Senate, from remanding the decision of the Commission for their further consideration the decision which it had made in the Florida case, in order that it might have an opportunity to clear up the glaring inconsistencies which existed in that decision.

Mr. BANKS said that under the provisions of the Electoral Act the House was compelled to give an affirmative or negative vote upon the decision of the Commission. It would not be respectful to the Commission to remand the decision to it.

The Speaker overruled the point of order made by Mr. Hale, but sustained the point made by Mr. Wilson, holding that there was nothing in the Electoral Commission law that authorized a recommittal of the question back to the Commission. The effect of a ruling that it was not competent for one House to refer a bill or any other matter to an outside Commission. The substitute offered by Mr. Knott was therefore not in order.

The House thereupon proceeded to a discussion of the objection to the decision of the Electoral Commission.

Mr. McCrary's Address.

Mr. MCCRARY addressed the House in support of the report of the Commission. He held that the ruling of the Commission was abundantly supported by the most cogent reasons, and that to have ruled otherwise would have been to assert jurisdiction to inquire into and overturn the action of all States in the appointment of their electors and to institute proceedings in the nature of an *audita querela* to try the title of every one of the persons appointed as such. The bill of 1800, drafted, reported and enacted by John Marshall, afterwards Chief Justice of the United States, embodied the views of that great Constitutional lawyer upon this question. After providing for this grand committee, it defined their jurisdiction in these words: "And the person thus chosen shall act as a joint committee, and shall have power to examine into all disputes relative to the election of President and Vice President of the United States other than such as might relate to the number of votes by which the electors may have been appointed." It is judgment has therefore been that in Florida rendered on the 27th of January, in an action of *quo warranto*, could annul the vote of that State cast on the 6th of December, it follows that similar judgments in any or all other States might be certified to the President of the Senate and must govern the count. He wanted to know if by an *ex post facto* judgment in any one State one party should secure an advantage, why by a similar movement in another State a corresponding advantage might not be sought for by another party, and claimed as the result of such a judgment, not instead of counting the votes under the Constitution and law at the time prescribed, it would become necessary to count the judgments to give effect to rendered in the various States, and enter into an inquiry into the regularity and conclusiveness of these judicial proceedings. There must be authority somewhere and at some time to decide who were appointed electors, and therefore in order to avoid constitutional rule that could be found was that adopted by the Commission, to wit: that a decision made by the proper State authority prior to the time fixed by the Constitution and law for electing a President and Vice President of the United States" was final, and not subject to be set aside by Congress. The power of Congress was to count, not to reject, the duly certified votes of the States.

Mr. Tucker's Address.

Mr. TUCKER followed on the opposite side. He said the members of the Commission had taken an oath to render judgment according to the Constitution and law. The Commission, in passing on the eligibility of Humphreys, had declined to pass on the question of the validity of the vote of an incompetent elector. Did the Commission mean to decide that the ineligibility of an elector was to have no effect on the validity of his vote? If a State appointed an ineligible elector, was he notwithstanding to be declared by the Commission and by the two Houses to be a competent elector, and his vote to be a valid vote? If so, then the act of the Canvassing Board of the State was valid and the Constitution *quod hoc* was void. In regard to the main question, the decision of the Commission was to the effect that the only voice permitted to speak for a State in the matter of a Presidential election was the voice of a Canvassing Board and of an Executive, and that the voice of the judiciary and Legislature must be hushed into silence. He contended that all the organism of the State must speak its voice.

The debate was continued by Messrs. Banks and Frye in favor of the report of the Commission, and by Messrs. Springer and Hurd in opposition.

Address of Mr. Carr.

Mr. CARR said: I have no hesitancy in saying that my convictions are that under payable facts behind the Governor's certificate the vote of the State of Florida should have been returned for Tilden and Hendricks; but, sir, at the same time I hold that the Democratic majority of this House has no moral right to complain that this Commission has rendered a partisan decision in, reporting the four electoral votes of Florida for Hayes and Wheeler. While I assert that this decision is contrary to the facts and contrary to the will of a large majority of the people of the United States, yet, I as boldly assert, that wrong is chargeable to a cause further back than the Commission. The wrong rests upon the shoulders of those who established this partisan tribunal. When the Democratic majority of this House adopted this law, with full knowledge that the majority of the Commission would be Republican, governed by Republican instincts, controlled by Republican interests, warped by Republican biases, and moved by Republican motives, they deliberately abandoned every claim which the Democratic masses asserted to the control of our national affairs. The Commissioners have done no more nor less than what could or should have been expected or required of them. You erected the political tribunal, and invested it with political attributes, and gave them political questions to determine, which they have settled from a political standpoint. Being Republicans, they believed that the Republican candidates for the Presidency were and ought to be elected in making their declaration, and have been true and faithful to their political sentiments, education and associations. No legal wrong can attach to them for this; but when you Democrats deliberately put such power over such questions in the hands of a tribunal so constructed, you committed a bold and daring wrong to your

Protested Political Convictions,

and assuredly to your political associates whose political sentiments and rights you betrayed and abandoned to your political adversary. I arise to remind the Democratic majority that in confiding to the Democratic majority that in confiding decency your votes on this measure have stepped you from indulging in even one word of criticism against the decision of that tribunal. Sirs, it is your own offspring, you brought it into being, you gave it life and power, and you alone are responsible for the result. It is no excuse for you to assert that you did not anticipate such result, that you expected higher and better things from your founding. You had no more right to expect a tribunal so constituted to produce a different result than to expect a thorn bush to bring forth figs; nor will to weak an apology save you from the just condemnation which your betrayed and outraged constituency will forever heap upon your treacherous heads. (Laughter and applause.) No, sirs; the wrong is a great and burning outrage, and lies at your hands, and your hands alone. Not even the Democratic people be slow in ascertaining the true source of their disconfiture and defeat. It may subserve your purpose for a brief time to attempt to shield yourselves under the cover of the hollow denunciations of your tribunal, as a cry of

"Stop Thief"

for a moment may delude the officers of the law, but when a mad populace shall have vented their unmerited anger upon this tribunal for a brief hour it will seek the true objects of its just indignation, and that blame will at last be where it properly belongs. The few only who had the moral courage to stand here upon this floor, and amid the howling and contumely of the Democratic majority, dared to warn you of the inevitable results of that day's work, have the moral right to complain of the end of this day's labor. But, sirs, while they have deep regrets as to the action of the Commission, they have deep and bitter denunciation and condemnation to heap upon the heads of those who, claiming to be leaders in the great Democratic party in this trying hour of its existence, have proven themselves either incompetent from ignorance or unworthy from base reasons. (Renewed laughter and applause on the Republican side.) Here, then, in the name of the Democracy of the whole country, I absolve that Commission from all charges, save that least to that of a honest mistake, and in the name of the same great power I denounce the majority of the House as being responsible for the wrong and recreant, ignorant or corruptly recreant, to the confidence which has been imposed in them, and faithless to the trusts confided in them. (Applause.)

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The objection is signed by Senators McDonald, Stevenson, Saulsbury and Bogy, and Representatives Jenks, Gibson, Tucker, Levy, Ellis and Morrison.

Mr. GIBSON also sent up objections to the Hayes and Wheeler certificates, because, first, the Government of Louisiana was not Republican in form; second, no canvass was made on which certificates of election were issued; third, any alleged canvass of votes was an act of usurpation, fraudulent and void; fourth, some of the electors were ineligible by the laws of Louisiana, and were disqualified from being electors as holding State offices, Kellogg being acting *de facto* Governor, Jaffrien Supervisor of Registration for the Parish of Point Coupee, Marks District Attorney, and Burch a member of the State Senate, a member of the Board of Control of the State Penitentiary, an administrator of a deaf and dumb asylum, and Treasurer of the School Board of East Baton Rouge; fifth, because Jaffrien was specially disqualified by the thirteenth section of the act of the Legislature of the 24th of July, 1874, which provides that no Supervisor of Registration shall be eligible to any office at that election, and because Jaffrien was at the last election Supervisor of Registration for the parish of Point Coupee.

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Mr. HOWE submitted an objection to the Tilden and Hendricks certificates on the ground that there was no evidence that the electors had been appointed in such manner as the Legislature directed, while the re was evidence conclusive in the law that neither of them had been so appointed; also on the ground that there was no evidence that McEnery was Governor of Louisiana in the year 1876, while there was conclusive evidence that Kellogg was, during the year 1876, and for several years prior thereto, Governor of that State, was recognized as such by the Judicial and Legislative Departments of Louisiana, and by all the departments of the Government of the United States.

The Presiding Officer—Are there further objections to the vote of the State of Louisiana? (After a pause)—There being no further objection, all of the certificates from that State, with the papers accompanying the same, together with the objections, will be now submitted to the Electoral Commission for judgment and decision. The Senate will now withdraw to its chamber.

The Senate thereupon withdrew.

Amending the Rules.

Mr. COX from the Committee on Rules, reported a resolution so amending the rules of the House that pending the count of the electoral vote, and when the House is not engaged therein, it shall, in assembling every calendar day after the recess from the daily proceedings, proceed at twelve o'clock with its business as though the legislative day had expired by adjournment. He explained that there were but seventeen working days before the end of the session, that there were eleven of the regular appropriation bills and sposed of, that there were two hundred and forty one bills on the private calendar and fifty on the public calendar, that there was thirty special orders, that the bills to pay the interest on the public debt of the District of Columbia and the Mississippi Levee bill were before the House, and that in order to get through this mass of business the resolution should be adopted.

After brief gamendied so as to prevent the resolution from interfering in any way with the counting of the electoral votes, it was adopted, and the House took a recess until ten to-morrow.

SETTLING THE DISPUTE.

Meeting of the Electoral Commission—Reception of the Papers in the Louisiana Contest—Why Objections to the Vote of Chaffee, of Illinois, were not Presented.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The Electoral Commission was called to order at 4:30 P. M., and received the certificates and accompanying papers in the case of Louisiana from the presiding officer of the joint session. Upon the arrival of the various counsel Messrs. Field, Campbell, Trumbull, Carpenter, Merrick Houdley and Green for the Democratic side of the question, and Messrs. Evarts, Matthews, Shellabarger and Stoughton for the Republican side, they have deep and bitter denunciation and condemnation to heap upon the heads of those who, claiming to be leaders in the great Democratic party in this trying hour of its existence, have proven themselves either incompetent from ignorance or unworthy from base reasons. (Renewed laughter and applause on the Republican side.) Here, then, in the name of the Democracy of the whole country, I absolve that Commission from all charges, save that least to that of a honest mistake, and in the name of the same great power I denounce the majority of the House as being responsible for the wrong and recreant, ignorant or corruptly recreant, to the confidence which has been imposed in them, and faithless to the trusts confided in them. (Applause.)

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Legislative Proceedings.

A Busy Day for Our Lawmakers.

Some Bills of Special Interest to Our Community.

The Outrage on Gov. Wells Denounced.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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SENATE.

The following new bills were introduced:

An act providing for the killing of deer during the month of September; empowering prothonatories to sue for their fees.

After the Insurance Companies.

Mr. NAGLE presented an act relating to insurance companies doing business in Pennsylvania and the publication of their assets, liabilities and financial condition. It provides that all insurance companies shall advertise their annual statement in two or more daily papers of the State, and that showing shall be sworn to by the President and Treasurer of the company and certified to by the Secretary. As there is already a similar law bearing up the companies chartered in Pennsylvania, the act when passed will only affect foreign corporations.

The Question of Adjournment.

An extract from the journal of the House was read, recalling the joint resolution on final adjournment, which was, on motion of Mr. NEWMYER, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following bills were passed finally:

An act relating to fees on an official bond from the Register of Wills in counties wherein separate Orphans' Courts are or may be hereafter established; prohibiting persons from being at the same time interested in contracts for supplies to cities or counties and sureties for any officer thereof; to authorize Courts to correct defective certificates of acknowledgment in certain cases; authorizing the Court of Common Pleas to direct the holding of inquests in the case of lunatics and habitual drunkards to be heard before the Prothonotary; relating to communications by Courts of Quarter Sessions to county workhouses; regulating the term of office of members of Boards of Town Councils of the several boroughs.

Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House met in evening session at 7½ o'clock. There was a perfect deluge of local option petitions, asking for re-enactment of a prohibitory liquor law, presented.

A petition was presented asking an appropriation to the Pittsburgh Free Dispensary.

The following bills were reported affirmatively from the committee: An act amending an act fixing the salaries of Senators, members, and reducing the salaries of all officers; relating to charitable devises from collateral tax.

The Allegheny Parks.

Mr. LONG introduced an act authorizing cities of the third class (Allegheny City) to levy and collect a park tax, and curing any defects in the previous levy. This bill transfers to Allegheny Councils all rights and powers formerly exercised by the Park Commission.

The following were also introduced:

An act repealing all special laws in regard to the taxation of certain classes of machinery for school purposes; to punish persons setting fire to any timber; requiring the recording of all bonds given by executors and others; requiring conveyancers to take Circuit Court rules; regulating the letting of road bridges; appropriating $5,000 to the Waterford Academy, Erie county.

Ohio River Improvement.

Mr. JACKSON moved that the Ohio River improvement bill, which was defeated on its third reading on Thursday last, be reconsidered.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY opposed its reconsideration on account of Mr. Stone's absence.

The motion to reconsider finally prevailed and the bill ordered to be again placed upon the calendar.

The use of the hall of the House was granted to the Pennsylvania Museum and to the School of Industrial Art Thursday evening next; also to the Knights of Pythias August 21st next; also to the Pennsylvania Medical Society, June 13th, 14th and 15th next.

A resolution, limiting hereafter, members to fifteen minutes in debate was agreed to.

Our "Central Board" Representation.

Mr. SHAFER, of the South Side, introduced the following bill, which has been reported from the Committee on Education affirmatively:

An act providing the manner of the election and the term of service of members of the Central Board of Education of cities of second class (City of Pittsburgh):

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the qualified electors of each sub-school district of cities of the second class shall, at the municipal election succeeding the expiration of the term of office of members of the Central Board of Education, in said cities of the second class, and every three years thereafter, elect one person to serve as a member of the Central Board of Education from their district, and in case any charges which person shall be at the time of his election a citizen of the sub-school district of which he shall have been elected.

SEC. 2. That all acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Second. That our representatives be requested to use all honorable means to secure humane treatment to the prisoners at the Capitol that the nation be no longer disgraced and humiliated by the cruelties which could only emanate from apologists for Andersonville, Libby and Belle Isle, and the champions of White Leaguers, Bull-dozers and Ku-Klux Kians.

The reading of the above resolution was greeted with derisive laughter from the Democratic side of the House. The presentation of these resolutions was almost immediately followed by a substitute from Mr. Yeakel, also reported by the Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislature of Pennsylvania for the balance of the session of 1877 attend to its personal, legitimate business, and that the House of this House take this direction from the former decree only so far as it reduces the amount of money awarded to the city from $207,000 to $40,000.

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TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

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OMAHA, February 12.—Caroline Lambert, aged 101 years, died to-day while dressing a sore arm with kerosene. She spilled some on her clothes, which she accidentally ignited, and burned herself to a crisp.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Lordo says the divisions among the friends of constitutional government gave the rebels success. Lordo says the United States of Mexico are in favor of a constitutional Government.

ST. LOUIS, February 12.—Deputy Marshal H. H. Hughes was shot and killed on Saturday night, six miles from Independence, by two young men named Green and Miller, whom he attempted to arrest. The murderers escaped.

OWENSBURG, Ky., February 12.—Hon. James L. Johnson, ex-member of Congress, committed suicide this morning by placing the muzzle of a rifle over his heart and pushing the trigger down with a ramrod. Ill health was the cause of the suicide.

CINCINNATI, February 12.—The Evangelical Ministerial Association to-day collated the figures showing an attendance of 17,000 at the meetings during the past month. The General Committee was also instructed to secure Moody and Sankey for a series of meetings next fall.

LOUISVILLE, February 12.—T. Watson and Messrs. W. E. Walker & Co., whisky firms, have suspended. The liabilities of Watson are $90,000 and the assets $70,000. Walker's is not known. The trouble of the last named firm was brought on by the failure of Watson and others.

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WASHINGTON TOPICS.

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Redemption of Bonds.

The Acting Secretary of the Treasury today issued the thirty-ninth call for the redemption of 5-20 bonds of 1865, May and November. The call is for ten million, of which seven millions are coupon and three millions registered bonds. The principal and interest will be paid at the Treasury on and after the 12th of May next, interest to cease that day. The following are descriptions of the bonds:

Coupon bonds—$500, No. 31,501 to 35,800, both inclusive; $1,000, No. 70,551 to 79,000, both inclusive.

Registered bonds—$50, No. 401 to 450, both inclusive; $100, No. 5,301 to 5,950, both inclusive; $500, No. 3,601 to 3,8000, both inclusive; $1,000, No. 13,351 to 14,300, both inclusive; $5,000, No. 5,701 to 5,550, both inclusive; $10,000, No. 9,301 to 9,750, both inclusive.

The Washington Monument.

The engineers examining the stability of the foundation of the Washington Monument will suggest the tearing down of the present structure, and the removal of the stones to the circle at Massachusetts avenue and Fourteenth street for the base for a granite shaft of imposing height and design.

Killed by Illicit Distillers.

A dispatch from Cartersville, Ga., says: Lt. McIntyre, of the Second Infantry, was killed in the Frog Mountains by illicit distillers in an ambush, an attack upon the Government forces having been made by distillers, thirty in number, under the cover of night.

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PETROLEUM at Antwerp 45.

BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 103¼.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 105¼.

THERE are two bills in the Senate relative to the safety of persons engaged in bituminous mines. Why so?

VICE PRESIDENT FERRY has received from Montana a feather from a black eagle, with instructions, if HAYES is elected, to use the quill part to certify the election, and if TILDEN is counted in, to use the feathered end. The donor evidently believes in HAYES.

THERE is a rumor that the Southern Democrats will break from the Northern Democrats, if they persist in disregarding the Electoral Commission's decision, and attempt to defeat the count. It is evident that the Southern Democrats are not disposed to be led to ruin to gratify their Northern allies.

THE New York papers are urging the reduction of pay of their many officials, and the practice of economy, as among the best methods for securing relief from the burthen of indebtedness. The items foot up a very heavy aggregate, and could the amount be cut off, would afford very sensible relief to the tax-paying public.

THE Allegheny city primaries will take place to-day. Our people in that city need to give the most earnest attention to them, unless they wish to have candidates not entirely agreeable to their wishes. With the preliminary contest, we have nothing further to do than to urge good nominations, but these are essential to success.

THE Chamber of Commerce should take action on the Ohio river improvement that will be explicit and decided, and follow this up by sending a strong committee to Harrisburg in the interest of the passage of the bill now in the Legislature. It certainly allowed itself to be placed in an equivocal position by the action of the coal men.

EVEN the Springfield *Republican* doesn't go strong on TILDEN's chances in Oregon. It claims that "the $8,000 bribe money with which TILDEN put up the CRONIN job is the only one of the numerous election investments from that 'har'l' from which there is now any hope of realizing anything, and that hope is slim. In spite of some rather bothersome technicalities, the Republicans have the best case there, too."

THE fillibustering movements of the Democracy on Saturday, have been traced to an order or request from TILDEN that they pursue this course. When the opposition of the Southern Democrats became known, he is declared to have offered Cabinet positions to Georgia and Mississippi, if they would stand by the Democracy. Thus bartering, buying, fillibustering and cheating are the features of this movement all the way through, on the Democratic side.

CONGRESS made a fresh start in the Electoral count yesterday, and proceeded as far as Louisiana, when objections were made, and the two sets of certificates were referred to the Electoral commission. The House preliminary to the meeting, voted against the decision of the Electoral commission; but the Senate having voted to sustain the decision, it stood under the ruling of the Vice President. An amusing feature of the discussion, preceding the vote in the House, was a lecture by one of the Democrats of those who favored the bill to organize the Electoral Commission. So the second step has been taken.

FIELD is certainly unfortunate in the class of witnesses he happens to get from Louisiana. He had PICKETT, MADDOX and LITTLEFIELD, and realizing that the latter needed some support, secured another named MULHERIN to back up LITTLEFIELD. A beautiful witness he was. While FIELD questioned him, his memory was clear, his mind bright, and his whole nature alive to the importance of the occasion. True his testimony was neither definite nor convincing, yet he did his best to make it so. But the moment cross-examination began, his mind was a blank, and he could only answer as FIELD directed. Is it possible that any should be misled by such nonsense?

BISMARCK, in an open after-dinner speech, expressed the opinion, a few days since, that war between Russia and Turkey is strongly probable. The opening utterances in the English Parliament, with reference to Turkey, are significant of the changed attitude of the English Government toward that power. If she goes to war with Russia, it will be with the sympathies of England, Germany and probably Austria, against her. What her success will be, under these circumstances, is a matter of conjecture. That she has good fighting material among her troops is undoubted, but that she can bear the expense of a great war, is one of the doubtful questions. The spring will probably inaugurate hostilities, which may amplify into a great European war.

THE act to regulate the working and mining of coal in the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania, is carefully drawn, and has for its purpose the protection of workmen, and the safety of mines. It is one of the most important subjects that can claim the attention of the Legislature, and as such should receive the most careful attention. The bill requires the mines to be mapped every year, and provides for inspectors, to be paid by the State, whose duty shall be to see that the law relative to mines is fully carried into effect. We are not sufficiently conversant with the details of mining to properly judge of the merits of the several details of the bill, but presume that if there be defects the miners will fully disclose them. In the interest of the safety of the mines, and presuming the bill to be carefully drawn, we hope it will pass.

THE coolest proceeding on the part of the Democracy is to object to the Electoral Commission because its votes have been partisan. This does not happen to be true, as BRADLEY, in the three votes thus far taken, has voted twice with the Republicans and once with the Democrats. But were it true, is there not just as much partisanship among the Democratic members of the Commission as among the Republicans? Have not the Democracy been pursuing a partisan course all along? It has been, on their part, a bitter and vindictive partisan fight all through? Especially are their assaults on Judge BRADLEY ill-timed and unjust. We happen to know him, and have only to say that the display of partisanship and bitter malice on the part of the Democracy will not have the effect of subduing the independent spirit and clear mind of the Judge.

THERE is said to be considerable agitation in school circles over the bill of Mr. HARPER, the leading objection to it now being that it produces consolidation, or centralization of authority. There can be no doubt about this, and it is one of the reasons why it should be passed. The trouble with our school system is, that authority is too widely diffused, and is not, for this reason, as clear and definite as it should be. There is, as we have before stated, a system of irresponsibility that needs to be corrected. We should have the lines more closely drawn, so that the schools will be conducted with better reference to some central idea than they now are. Thus the new bill will give, besides saving $50,000 a year, an amount that is not a bagatelle, these times. We hope the bill may pass. If there is in it any detail, or item which is objectionable, it should be expunged or modified; but this done, the bill, as to its general features and savings is right, and ought to pass.

THE facts as to Vernon Parish are coming to light, and the more fully they are revealed, the more it looks on its face like a conspiracy between LITTLEFIELD and whoever may be associated with him to make a case against the Board. There is no perceptible reason why the Board should transpose the 178 votes. There were 647 votes cast in the parish for Democrats, and two only for Republicans. Even were the 178 votes transposed, they did not affect the result in that parish and were not needed to control the general result. What possible object there could be in changing the votes, so far as the Returning Board was concerned, does not appear. It is easy in view of the course of LITTLEFIELD, to know why he should do it, of his own motion. There are also declarations that affidavits were brought before the Board, by which three precincts of Vernon parish were changed. If the Board simply acted on these, without suspecting wrong, then the story of private order goes down. In brief, the Democratic story on the subject has no bottom, and seems entirely worthless. It is conflicting, and shows no motive why the Board should do what it charges.

THE Republican conventions meet today, and those very practical gentlemen who run things have matters pretty much their own way, so far as the Treasurer is concerned. They have about nine votes to make in order to secure their point, and their "science" has usually been equivalent to such an operation. It is the misfortune of some of the competing candidates that they were over sanguine, and while there were those who were willing and actually did withdraw candidates in order to avoid giving the BROWN delegates special advantages, others stubbornly held their delegates in the field blindly and foolishly confident of the result. Thus a few votes gave the ring delegates success. It is ever thus. We have loud howls for reform and strong demands for an improved condition of things, and then follows a deliberate system of tactics which neatly play into the hands of City Hall. It is this kind of virtue—stubbornness, self-conceit and lack of sense—that helps matters along. And so long as it continues there will and can be no change in affairs. There can yet be success on two conditions: 1. The ability, of which we have our doubts, on the part of the other candidates to hold *all* their delegates faithful to themselves. 2. Then combine so as to hold their strength for one of their number. This failing, BROWN will be the nominee, and fairly, so far as the votes of existing delegates are concerned. This is the entire business in a nut shell.

PARTY DESPERATION.

The Democracy are engaged in a deadly struggle for the Presidency. They are ready to seize on any pretext, and to violate any principle of honor, to gain their points. It is not justice, right, purity, fairness, or obedience to the constitution that they are after, but to place SAMUEL J. TILDEN in the Presidential chair. He encourages them in their proceedings, and they struggle on. Florida is lost to them, and Louisiana is their next battling point, in their line of retreat on Oregon. We hear much of new points, and special claims, as regards Louisiana, that were not made as against Florida. Of course we cannot pretend to say what they will offer; but to us Louisiana seems steeled against them. Their only available point is the non-filling of a vacancy, which, filled, would have made no difference in the decisions of the Board. The electors, LEVISEE and BREWSTER, are challenged as ineligible. Both were disqualified at the time of the election, but they subsequently resigned, and their resignations were accepted prior to the meeting of the Electoral College. In order to remove, if possible, any remaining doubt as to their authority to act as electors, they absented themselves from the first meeting of the Electoral College, thus causing vacancies which were filled by the other electors reappointing them. There can be no issue raised, it would seem, as to their eligibility to act when they voted. They were not then in possession of any Federal office, and their appointment to fill the vacancies which they themselves caused was in accordance with the Louisiana statute. The Democrats will no doubt set up the theory that by the choice of the ineligible persons the State lost two of her electoral votes. There seems to be no doctrine, however absurd, unjust, or destructive to the rights of the States, which the Democratic party is not ready to advance, provided it opens a chance for gaining the missing vote for MR. TILDEN. LEVISEE has testified that TILDEN's agent, ASHUR, offered him $100,000 to vote for TILDEN, on high moral grounds, of course.

Not to detail the many experiments resorted to, it may be safely said that the country never witnessed such a desperate effort, on the part of a political party, to capture the Presidency, before. While there are honorable Democrats in Congress, who feel themselves bound to stand up to the Electoral Commission, there are others who are willing to repudiate it, and anything else that stands in their way, to gain their point. The worst feature, in this direction, is the influence that comes from New York. The desperate element undoubtedly receives encouragement from TILDEN, while the South is conciliated by promises of Cabinet positions, and special advantages in the TILDEN administration. There is one phase to this that gratifies us,—it shows those who put faith in the honorable intentions of the Democrats, just what that party is. The Electoral Commission is understood through the country to be a concession to the Democracy, and, as a compact receiving larger support from the Democratic than the Republican side of Congress, was particularly binding. Had Florida been given to TILDEN, and the Republicans had broken, there would have been a tremendous howl over our perfidy; but how much greater the bad faith of the Democracy, in going back on the Commission, the moment it failed their purpose? Yet this does not surprise us. We said at the outset that no faith could be reposed in that party. If fresh violence would carry its point it would be resorted to, for desperation is the present feature of that party.

THE EXECUTION YESTERDAY.

In the damp and chill of yesterday, WILLIAM GREEN, the colored murderer, was taken from his cell and launched into eternity. We have had doubts as to the precise justice of the verdict in his case, but like Judges STERRETT and STOWE, we believe that having been found guilty of murder in the first degree, there were not enough mitigating circumstances to call for a change in the sentence. There was some obscurity as to the provocation. The murdered man, armed with an iron poker, undoubtedly put himself in the way of GREEN, and this with a hostile purpose. Whether he proposed to seriously injure the latter is not clearly shown by the evidence. GREEN claims that he did, and that the shooting was in self defense. The evidence before the jury did not make so strong a case as this. Still GREEN was not shown to have done more than shoot under the impulse of provocation, though the fact of his having with him the gun was used as a point to prove predetermination to murder. At all events he killed the man, and yesterday his life paid the penalty of his crime.

We have advocated the prompt execution of murderers, for the past two or three years, because of the need of severe examples, to break up the frequency of that form of crime. Allegheny county, within the past few years, has had an undue proportion of murders committed in its midst. Some of these have been barbarous and brutal in the highest degree, and inspired by the most trivial motives. Others have been the result of feuds and quarrels. A few have been partly accidental,—the assaulting party intending to inflict injury, but not to commit murder. All these things, involving in their entirety, an unusual number of violent deaths, have seemed to us to afford reason for the pitiless enforcement of the extreme penalty of the law. The certainty that the death penalty will be promptly enforced, is the only safeguard society can have as against the propensity of murderers. We are gratified in being able to commend the practice of our Courts in this direction. In the time once named, nearly all our Judges have been called upon to preside over trials of murderers. We have noticed the extreme care they have exercised to permit all to have the amplest opportunities of defense, extending to them, on their trials, every rightful facility to free themselves from the accusations against them; but once convicted, our Judges have been unswerving in their purpose to carry out the law. The Court of Pardons put upon Judge STERRETT the pressure of finally determining the fate of GREEN, and we are gratified that he had the courage to stand up to the law. It is only through the persevering use of this policy—the absolute determination to enforce the law—that an end can be put to this tendency to murder. Let the belief be once established that the life of a murderer will certainly pay the penalty of his crime, and murders will cease.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—General Bragg's estate foots up $1,000.

—Isn't it about time for the Ashtabula verdict?

—O-fish-us people are reminding us that Lent will soon be here.

—It is better to have loved and lost than to wear a last year's bonnet.

—Justice Strong is described as a "jolly little man with a pink face."

—The Free Masons of England raise $200,000 a year for charities.

—Sheepish young ladies will hide their blushes behind kid fans this year.

—The man who takes the most interest in his business,—the money lender.

—The Georgia mind is agitated over a prospective visit from Edwin Booth.

—The Boston *Post* thinks that J. Madison Wells is "only an armory bearer," after all.

—The prospect of peace by the change of Viziers in Turkey, is said to be Vizionary.

—A cold and coatless man does not much object to a draft if it comes through the door of a bank.

—Queen Victoria gave away 812 gifts valued at £3,000, to the poor of Windsor, on New Year's day.

—Rev. Phillip Brook's new Episcopal church in Boston, cost three-quarters of a million, and—is free from debt.

—Fred. Douglass, who is in Mississippi, has to eat in the kitchen. He thinks there is room for reconstruction at the South yet.

—An English tourist asked the brother of Canova, the sculptor, after the latter's death, if he "intended to carry on the business?"

—"I am not satisfied with California, for my part; I am as cold here as I was at home," writes back a matter-of-fact Indiana woman.

—Astonishing how quickly things travel now. Away out in Oregon, Cronin is said to be erecting a blue glass conservatory over his nose.

—Mrs. H. B. Stowe writes from Florida that the State "is all serene, in politics as in nature." In fact, she says, "We are as quiet as a mill pond."

—Deacon Hamlin of Plainfield, Conn., wasn't dead, and when the neighbors came to bury him he sat up all at once in his coffin and spoilt the funeral.

—A private letter states that Norfolk ladies do not think Alexis very polished in his manners, and he stares the pretty girls in company quite out of countenance.

—Mr. Morrill has been a frail man, physically, since his severe illness in 1870. He is such a temperance man that during his present illness he has refused to take any stimulants.

—Trumbull is looking for Littlefield with a club. The incentive for the old man's activity is that story about his attending a dance house where dark color predominated.

—The New York *Telegram* announces that "the wages of servant girls are to be cut down at that point where the mistress of the house will be able to overtake them on the question of bonnet."

—It was a Texas gentleman who loaded his shotgun heavily and went to interview an obnoxious neighbor, and it was a Texas coroner who decided: "Suicided stead of murder, cos the gun busted."

—Wagner is described in a private letter as walking about Rome with a stovepipe hat on the back of his head, looking at pictures in a wondering, child-like fashion, asking no questions and avoiding conversation generally.

—The young swell of the period, in big plaid ulster, and high shirt collar, fencing off the back of his head from the outside world, seems only to need a little burnt cork and a banjo to make him presentable on the minstrel stage.

—The New York Young Men's Christian Association have occasion to speak well of Moody and Sankey. The Society have just paid $300,000 on its building debt. This sum was obtained through the influence of the Evangelists.

—The Norwich *Bulletin* says: The favorite color for gloves, in light shades, are sea foam, lake mist, atmospheric, and half-grown lemon. It is not stated whether "atmospheric" preasure will bring out the full tinte of the "half-grown lemon."

—A Boston merchant recently telegraphed to Calcutta at five o'clock in the afternoon, ordering the purchase of merchandise to the amount of $100,000. The following morning at nine o'clock a response to the merchant's order was in his counting room, stating prices, rates of freight, and other facts.

—Blinks says that his daughter is taking music lessons. The other evening she spent a couple of hours in practicing "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs," and then came to "Dear Pa," and sang the old song about money to buy a new bonnet. Blinks says he's lost faith in the "power of music."

—Charles O'Conor is a little, dried-up old man who looks like pictures of Stephen Girard. He has an Irish face, scanty white hair, and a fringe of white beard from one ear to the other under his chin. His face wears an expression of pain. His voice is loud and resonant, with a slight brogue noticeable in his speech.

—Mrs. Ann S. Stephens still lives and flourishes in New York. She gave a reception the other day which was graced by the presence of such celebrities as Joaquin Miller and Frank Leslie. She was born in 1817, and is at present doing more work than ever, being a constant contributor to *Peterson's Magazine* and other publications of that description. Her writings have brought her in a comfortable fortune.

ELOPEMENT IN HIGH LIFE.

A Mother's Ineffectual Effort to Baffle Her Daughter's Lover—The Impetuous Youth Steals His Sweetheart at the Dead of Night and Marries Her in the Morning.

For many weeks past our sister city of St. Joseph has been in a furore of excitement and anticipation, and the gossips have been busily at work plying their vocation over the conduct and future of a prominent railroad official, and the young, handsome and accomplished daughter of one of the oldest, wealthiest and most respected business men. In fact, Mrs. Grundy had many times appointed the day and arranged all the preliminaries for the happy nuptials, and as many times during the past three months has she made misindications, and proved herself an unreliable prognosticator. The Madam's prying and knowing curiosity has at last been gratified, the good people of St. Joseph have been suddenly thrown into a terrible excitement, and fresh food is furnished dealers in social topics. To be abrupt, an elopement has taken place and fond parents are in a stew.

The parties to the elopement are highly respected by all who know them. No voice of scandal has ever been breathed against them, and they have moved in their own channel of acquaintances, pursuing the even tenor of their way, loving and loved. The acquaintance of but a few short years grew into affection, and an eventual consummation of the happiest event accorded to man. The courtship and marriage was not unaccompanied with its tears and frowns, its joys and hopes. From some cause or other, the young man, well supplied with the necessaries of this world, failed to secure the favor of the mother of his adored, and despite entreaties and earnest protestations, about three months ago he was forbidden the society of the one whom he loved as only true lovers love, and was debarred from ever again crossing the threshold. When

Love sounds th' alarm,
And fear is a-flying!
When beauty's the prize,
What mortal fears dying?

And clandestine meetings and afternoon drives were quite as numerous as before the indignant mother turned the key and endeavored to lock love out. The matter soon assumed a serious aspect. The young lady was debarred from all social privileges; was escorted to and from school, and orders issued that she must not leave the grounds; the doors of her room were locked, and a sentinel placed on duty, and a generous brother-in-law rendered efficient service in preventing the bird from flying. But love will conquer, as the sequel shows, and two hearts, now happy in each other's love, beat in accord with the decrees of heaven.

Finally, after vain endeavors to gain full parental consent, secret agents were set to work, an elopement was agreed to, and all preliminaries were made for a clandestine escape from what, instead of being a home where pleasure and happiness reigned in every heart, was a prison. The hour was 11 o'clock, and quietude fell like a pall on the city. Most of mankind was wrapped in slumbers sweet, and the stars looked down approvingly. A signal given, a closed carriage appears at the rear gate, a slight noise, a door opens noiselessly and closes, a graceful female figure glides like a specter down the garden walk, willing hands assist her into the carriage, and with the speed of the wind are left behind pleasant childhood scenes and hours of happiness and sorrow. At the fair ground they met the K. C. train coming south, which, by prearranged plan, stopped to let the runaways on board. By 12 o'clock Atchison was reached, and friends and willing hands assisted in concealing them from public gaze, and keeping the secret of the hour from foreign tongues.

The parents of the runaway maid missed her early next morning, and officers were immediately put on the track. The efficient City Marshal of St. Joseph took the H. and St. Joe train for this city, and, on arriving here, made an immediate tour of the Santa Fee train, that was to leave soon, for the elopers. They were on the train, and yet they were not. No clutches of the law were to be fastened there, and the train pulled out on its way to the West with its cargo of precious freight, leaving behind that officer from St. Joe. The happy couple are to make a wedding tour to Pueblo, Denver, and other points of interest in Colorado, and will return to St. Joseph, via Atchison, next Saturday or Sunday. Thus concludes this romance; and it may be well to here state that on the 26th of last December the parties were married clandestinely, and in due form of law, by a Buchanan county magistrate, and the secret had been kept inviolate. And it is our fervent wish that during the remainder of their allotted days they may meet with no more such bitter experiences.—*Atchison Champion.*

SAM BOWLES'S COMPROMISE.

The Representative of 45,000,000 Anxious People Still Harping on His Charles Francis Adams.

In the Supreme Court room yesterday morning, when the Commission was about to meet in secret session, the messengers were ordered to clear the chamber. At the mere announcement that the Commission desired the room cleared everybody left, except a middle-aged, ordinary sized, full-bearded man, who went within the bar and took a seat at one of the attorney's tables. A messenger went to him and, tapping him on the shoulder, said:

"You must retire, mister; the Commission is to meet in secret session."

"I'm a moment," answered the stranger. "But you must come now; no spectators are allowed here."

"I have a word to say to the Commission," was the response. "I am entirely non-partisan, and have a suggestion to offer."

The messenger thinking he was an insane man—many of whom come to the capital with one mania or another—seized him by the arm and attempted to remove him by force. The Commission were just taking their seats on the bench.

"Just one moment," gasped the stranger, "just one moment, I beg you, in the name of 45,000,000 of anxious people."

"What does the man want?" asked Justice Clifford.

The messenger released him.

"If the honorable Commission will allow me a word," said the stranger, "I would like to make a suggestion."

"Are you an objector or an attorney?" asked the presiding Justice.

"Neither; I represent the non-partisan press, and from a totally unbiased standpoint I wish to suggest a basis of compromise which will be acceptable to the honorable Commission, I have no doubt, and carry with it the confidence of the people. I desire to suggest that the Commission agree upon a compromise with Charles Francis Adams as President."

"Take him out!" roared Justice Clifford to the messenger; "remove him at once."

The messenger obeyed orders and rushed the stranger out into the corridor, when he sought refuge in the bosom of a friend until he could control his emotion, and then went to the House reporters' gallery and asked if there was a ticket of admission for Samuel Bowles.—*Graphic.*

Gambetta at a Ball.

The event of last week in Paris was the appearance of the great Republican leader, Gambetta, at the State ball given at the Palace of the Elysees. Let it not be inferred that the ex-Director indulged in a *carmagnole*, or anything of the kind. He is a stately man, with an eye single to the public good, he having plucked out the other himself when a boy because his father wanted him to study Greek. His presence at the ball evoked the greatest curiosity to see how he would act, but those who expected something extraordinary, and they were as numerous as their expectation was absurd, were disappointed. He stalked into the magnificent salon with the full dignity of a President of the Budget Committee. All eyes followed him. Ladies ceased trying with their fans, and—immense sacrifice for a French woman—stopped chattering their exquisite nothings as the terrible republican advanced to pay his respects to Mme. de Mac Mahon and the soldier President. Having complied with the forms M. Leon Gambetta, after a short pause, stalked out of the ball-room with the majesty of an entire Budget Committee, and looking as though he had conferred a great honor on the Marshal.

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REACHING THE LAST ROUND.

Disraeli Becomes a Peer of the Realm—The Formal Installation.

At the opening of Parliament, after the Queen's speech had been read, Disraeli was formally installed as a peer of the realm. Disraeli's career throughout is one of the most extraordinary within the whole range of English history. Genius and energy, unaided by wealth or family connections, have made this man a leader of the House of Commons, Minister of Finance in the most commercial of countries, and twice Prime Minister of the mightiest of modern empires. As an old man, Disraeli takes his seat in the proudest assembly in the world.

The ceremony by which Mr. Disraeli was formally created a peer of the realm was somewhat more simple than that gone through with in former times upon occasions of like dignity. Still, many remnants of feudal splendor were retained. The Lord Chancellor resumed his seat on the wool sack at half-past four o'clock. The audience grew impatient for the ceremony of installation. The procession soon after formed, in an outside hall, which was to conduct the Premier of England to a seat in the House of Lords. At a quarter to five it emerged into the great rotunda. This gorgeous hall, staining midway between the two Houses of Parliament, served as a sort of halting place prior to the march of triumph to the bar of the Lords.

MY LORD'S APPEARANCE.

In the procession were the leading men in the nation's affairs. But there were only eyes for one person—him of Beaconsfield. His lordship made his appearance still in the scarlet, fur trimmed robes of an earl. Behold a man of medium height and rather slight build whose shoulders are bowed with years, but whose step is firm and steady. His face is cleanly shaven, with the exception of an almost imperceptible imperial under his mouth. His arms are folded. His eyes are cast forward—neither upward nor downward. He is a man who never looked down, and who can now afford not to look up. The mighty power and majesty of genius seems gathered together within him. The signal is given, he puts his right foot forward and enters the velvet lined doors of the House of Lords, leaving the world of commoners behind. This is the picture, as it was seen at that supreme moment.

GLOOM IS MAJESTIC.

The procession moved slowly up the aisle. The Usher of the Black Rod and Garter, King-at-Arms, walked in front; then came the Duke of Norfolk, as Earl Marshal Chamberlain; then Disraeli, having Earl Derby on his right and Earl Bradford on his left. The House of Lords was dim under the coming of the early English twilight. Gloom adds solemnity to the occasion. Amid intense, almost breathless, interest, the procession slowly advanced to the woolsack. The hour was eight minutes to five. Lord Derby presented Disraeli. The Lord Chancellor handed forth the writ and summons. The procession stepped back a few paces while the Clerk of the House of Lords read the writ, granting, in the name of the Queen, "to our trusty, well beloved councilor, Benjamin Disraeli, the Earldom of Beaconsfield and Viscounty of Hughenden."

THE INVESTITURE.

Advancing Disraeli took the oath and signed his name on the illustrious roll of the peerage. The procession then marched to the Earls' bench, where Disraeli and his sponsors sat down. Disraeli, raising his hat thrice, bowed to the Lord Chancellor in a slow and dignified manner. That official returned the salutation. Then the newly created Earl rose, and, joining the procession, was conducted to the Viscount's bench, where the same ceremony of seating himself, raising his hat and bowing to the Lord Chancellor, was repeated. Finally, Disraeli advancing to the wool sack, shook hands with the Lord Chancellor, who cordially welcomed him to the peerage. The procession then departed, leaving their former colleague behind them. Thus ended the solemn formalities.

The Modern Mince Pie.

The Detroit *Free Press* relates how, when a market women asked Brother Gardner if the signt of mince pie didn't make his mouth water, he replied: "Dar wuz a time when it did. I doze good ole days ob long ago, when dey built mince pies out'n meat, apples, brandy, an' spices, dar wuz a successive hankering to git up clus to a mince pie. But in dese days, when dey erect such pies out'n de fust grizzle an' de fust apples an' de fust pickings dat come handy, nail on de top crust, an' scallope de edges with dar false teeth, why, I'm free to stan' 'roun' an' 'roun' an' take de chances on finding a cocoanut in de gutter."

POLITICAL.
PITTSBURGH.
TO THE
Republican Voters
OF THE
City of Pittsburgh.

The Republican Voters of the City of Pittsburgh will meet at the usual voting places in the several election districts of said city on

Saturday, February 10, 1877,

Between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing one delegate to each of the following Conventions, viz.:
Convention No. 1—To nominate a candidate for Mayor.
Convention No. 2—To nominate a candidate for City Controller.
Convention No. 3—To nominate a candidate for City Treasurer.
The Conventions will meet on

Tuesday, February 13, 1877,

At 11 o'clock A. M., at the following places, viz.:
Convention No. 1 at Academy of Music will be called to order by John H. Lamb.
Convention No. 2 at Select Council Chamber, by George B. Chalmers.
Convention No. 3 at Lafayette Hall, by Thomas S. Bigelow.
Pursuant to the resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, the election in each district will be conducted by the regular Republican election officers of the district, and that any vacancies in the election boards shall be filled by the remaining officers of the board.
JOHN S. LAMBIE, Chairman.
M. F. KOAN, WM. M. DECAMP, } Secretaries.

FOR CITY TREASURER,
J. F. DENNISTON,
TWENTIETH WARD, PITTSBURGH,
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

FOR CITY TREASURER,
THOS. S. MITCHELL,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

FOR MAYOR,
S. J. WAINWRIGHT,
Subject to the Republican City Convention.

FOR MAYOR,
JARED M. BRUSH,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

FOR CITY CONTROLLER,
R. M. SNODGRASS,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

FOR CITY TREASURER,
R. B. BROWN,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

FOR CITY TREASURER,
SAMUEL KILGORE,
Subject to the decision of the City Republican Convention.

FOR CITY TREASURER,
GEORGE I. WHITNEY,
Subject to the decision of the Democratic City Convention. 092

ALLEGHENY.

FOR MAYOR,
WALTON WOOLSEY,
ELEVENTH WARD, ALLEGHENY.
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Election.

FOR MAYOR,
W. C. COOKE,
FIFTH WARD, ALLEGHENY,
Will be a candidate before the Republicans of Allegheny for the nomination of Mayor.

FOR MAYOR,
THOS. MEGRAW,
FIFTH WARD, ALLEGHENY,
Subject to the decision of the Republican Primary Meeting. 184

DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS. DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS. DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS.

February 10. 1877. February 10.

New Spring Goods Arriving Daily for Every Department
AT THE VERY LOWEST PRICES.
—AT—
WILLIAM SEMPLE'S, NOS. 165, 167 AND 169 FEDERAL ST., ALLEGHENY, PA.

☞Latest novelties in Foreign and American Dress Goods arriving now in colors and fabrics for early spring season, at very low prices.

A new and complete line of
Plain and Fancy White Goods
At unusually low prices.
New and Fashionable Spring Shawls in great variety.
New Cloaks and Sacques, no old styles, all new and fresh at exceedingly low prices.
Ladies' Black, Colored and Fancy Suits, in all kinds of materials at lowest prices.
We have on our counters, on second floor, a new and beautiful line of Ladies' and Misses'
MUSLIN UNDERWEAR,
All new goods this season at very low prices.
BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS, SLIPPERS, &c.,
A complete, new and well selected stock in all grades very cheap.
Latest fashionable styles in
Gents' Ready-Made Clothing.
We call particular attention to our lines of
MOURNING GOODS,
Which are very complete. Agents for Courtald's Crapes, of which we have a full line of numbers; also,
BLACK CRAPE VEILS,
At much less than usual prices.

☞Despite the steady advance in Cotton Goods, and the unusually active trade of the past week, surprising even our own expectations, we will offer unexcelled bargains in Domestic Goods.
At 5 and 6¼c, heavy Brown Sheetings.
At 7¾ and 8c, extra heavy Unbleached Sheetings.
At 10c, a 40 inch very fine Unbleached Sheeting.
At 6¼ and 7c, fine Bleached Muslins.
At 8½c, soft-finish yard wide Bleached Muslin.
At 9c, half-bleached Muslin, very fine, ⅜ to 1c per yard less than usual.
At 10c, best favorite makes of soft-finish Muslin.
At 12½c, well-known Wamsutta Muslin.
At 12½c, 46-inch Bleached Pillow Case Muslin.
At 25c, 11-4 Unbleached Sheetings.
Notwithstanding the recent actual advance in Sheetings in the East, we still continue to sell ours at our usual low prices.
At 30 and 33c, extra heavy Loom Table Linens.
At 35 and 37½c, extra heavy and wide Loom Linens.
At 37½c, good Bleached Table Linens.
At 60 and 62½c, extra fine satin-finish Damasks.
At 70 and 75c, new lines Turkey Red Damasks.
At 87½ and 91, extra heavy Turkey Red Damasks.
At 5 and 6¼c, all-linen Crash for Towelings.
At 8½ and 10c, extra heavy and Twilled Towelings.
At 6¼ and 8½c, good heavy Linen Towels.
At 60, 75, 87½c and $1 per dozen, a job lot of Napkins, all them and very fine—about one-half their real value.
At 5 and 6¼c, best makes of Shirting and Dress Chintzes.
At 6¼c, yard-wide Dark Chintzes.
Beautiful line of light, medium and Dark Chintzes, Cretonnes and Percales.
Special discount to families and others buying Goods by the piece.
At 5c per box, Linen faced Paper Collars—sold all along at 10c.

☞We respectfully call attention to the following goods and prices. We have made extra efforts and endeavors to produce these goods, and we feel confident they cannot be equalled for the prices.
We ask particular attention to two numbers of Unlaundried Shirts.
At 60 Cents,
Heavy Muslin Unlaundried Shirts, well made, or $3.30 per half dozen.
At 85 Cents,
An Unlaundried Shirt, three-ply, 1,800 linen fronts and cuffs, cannot be made now to sell for less than 95c. These we sell by the half dozen at $4.50. These Shirts have felled seams, and are the same as are usually sold at 99c and $1.
At 62½ Cents,
The Progress Shirt, two combined in one, sold generally at $1.75. The material costs more than the price we are offering them.
At 75 Cents,
The Progress Shirt, two in one, in newest styles of Percales; also with linen reversible fronts. These have been $2.50 each.
At $1.00,
We are offering a lot of White Dress Shirts, slightly soiled and odd sizes, three ply, very fine linen fronts and cuffs, open and closed fronts; have been $1.50, $1.75, $2 and $2.50.
At 62½ Cents to $2,
Unequaled bargains anywhere in White Dress Shirts, and prices are the lowest.
NOTICE—This Department has been especially placed under the sole supervision of one person, and by most favorable terms and contracts for large lots with manufacturers, we are enabled to offer unprecedented bargains in these goods, and we propose to make it one of the most attractive and popular departments of our store, and patrons may depend upon receiving the best value for their money.

☞This Department receiving new additions daily will be found unusually attractive. All the latest Spring Novelties now being received at much less than usual prices.
At 5c, good fine Hemmed Handkerchiefs.
At 6¼c, all-linen Hemmed Handkerchiefs, for Ladies.
At 8½, 10 and 12½c, all-linen Handkerchiefs, for Ladies, worth 12½, 15 and 20c.
At 12½c, Real Silk Windsor Neck Ties.
At 25c, a few Roman Figured Silk Ribbons, worth 75c.
At 75c, Roman Sash Ribbons, worth $1.50 per yd.
At 12½c, white and Colored Aprons.
At 75c up, Trimmed Hats, worth from $1.50 up.
At 12½c, a few Green all-Silk 5-inch Wide Scarfs.
At 12½c, all-Silk Sash Ribbons, best colors.
NEW NOVELTIES.
All the newest shapes in Hat Frames received today.
Beautiful and varied line of Ladies' Silk Ties, Bows and Scarfs, and Neck Ruchings, Collarettes, Ruffs, &c.
The most complete stock of Hamburg Edgings and Insertings, from 4c per yard upward.
New Torchon, and Smyrna Laces, in all widths, at unusually low prices.
A large and very fine line of Ladies' Berlin and Lisle Thread Gloves. Also, in Plain Cloth Shades, suitable for Spring.
All the latest and newest Spring shades in Kid Gloves and Opera Tints and Shades for evening party wear, in very superior makes. All our gloves this season being selected and cut to fit with great care, we recommend them with confidence.
New Flowers and Feathers.
Plain and Dotted Nets for Veilings.
Scarf and Barbed Nets.
Silk Tissues and Fine Veilings.
Real and Imitation Hair Goods, &c.

NOTE.—Will open THIS MORNING another new and beautiful line of Newest Novelties in Ladies' Ties, Bows, Neckwear of all kinds, New Ruchings, Flowers, Ribbons, &c., purchases made this week in the Eastern markets, to which we respectfully call attention. In every Department unequaled value is offered.

JOS. HORNE & CO.,
197 and 199
PENN AVE.
ARE OFFERING
EXTRA BARGAINS
IN
NEW GOODS
NOW ARRIVING,
Also in certain lines of goods placed on the counters in each of the several departments, to be closed out during the present month.
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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, TUESDAY, February 13, 1877.

The usual Monday experience was had yesterday. There was a fair demand for loans, but nothing that can be spoken of as constituting an active day's business. The truth is, banking is rather an easy occupation, except for the anxiety naturally felt to make the capital on hand productive. Yet the belief continues to be entertained that with the settling of the Presidential question, and the return of spring, business will revive, and banking will be correspondingly improved. There is nothing of special interest as to real estate. The market is dull—almost to deadness.

NO REASON FOR A PANIC.

There is far less reason for general distrust of the whole life insurance business than is the case with any other trade or occupation that can be mentioned. There is nothing peculiarly dangerous or risky in the nature of the business. In fact, the system almost universally pursued of retaining all or nearly all of the assets of a company till called for in small amounts from time to time by deaths or maturing endowments renders the business, when properly conducted, a peculiarly safe one. No sacrifice need be made of assets by disposing of them to the first purchaser in a panic market, as is the result of a run upon a bank or trust company. The whole danger of failure in life insurance arises not from the nature of the business, but from the character of the men who conduct it. Every failure that has ever occurred in the business has been due to either the dishonesty or the bad management of particular men. Indeed, such a thing as a failure caused by the fact that the general life insurance business is unprofitable is an absurdity. Insurance is not a commodity; the companies do not carry stocks of it, as of iron or cotton, to shrink on their hands. They need only to purchase the best of assets, such as earn but a moderate interest, in order to pay all demands in full at maturity, provided their mortality and other calculations are properly made.

THE USURY LAWS.

Usury laws are just now engaging attention in the financial world, and the discussion over the rate of interest in various places is quite lively. In the New England and States the general rate is about 6 per cent.

In some of the newer States the law makes provision for rates. The legal rate of Oregon is 10 per cent., of Texas the same, where no contract is made, but contracts are legal for any rates. Legal rate of Nebraska 10; Washington Territory 10; Wyoming 12; Idaho 10. The lowest legal rate in the 3 per cent. of Louisiana, but there *contracts* for any rate are legal. The United States has the right to fix the interest laws for national banks, and penalties for violation exclusive of State laws. A national bank may charge interest at the rate fixed by the statutes of the State; but when no rate is fixed by the State laws the bank may receive 7 per cent. Under the national bank act there is a penalty for taking usurious interest, which penalty is the forfeiture of the entire interest which the note, or other evidence of debt, carries with it.

CHEAPENING OF LABOR.

The Boston *Commercial Bulletin* is advocating the cry of cheapening labor. It says in an article showing the benefits of protection:

"As to the cheapening of labor, we confess that we don't care to see it progress much farther. We can better afford to be without foreign goods than for our people than to put the laboring classes of this country upon a level with those of Europe, in that social life which depend upon a generous remuneration for labor. In our competition with Europe we shall win, if at all, by the superior skill, energy and intelligence of our people, especially as evinced by the invention and use of labor-saving machinery, and not by lowering our social standard to that of our competitors. That might succeed for a while, but would be followed by a degradation which would make our success but temporary."

THE BANKRUPT LAW.

We are constantly receiving written complaints about the evils attending the execution of the bankrupt act—stories of fraud perpetrated under it, and made possible by some of its provisions. There is no doubt that these complaints are well grounded in facts, and that the bankrupt act should be modified. But it is a waste of time for us to spend time in complaining about an existing evil without making efforts to remove it. The merchants of the country have this matter in their own hands. If they really desire a change, they have power enough to control Congress to make it. The united action of twenty leading business men in each of our leading cities would accomplish the desired result. Why not put in a little effort in that direction, instead of much more in useless complaining?

Robinson Bros., Brokers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	105¾	5-20's 1868 coupons	111¾
U. S. 6's 1881, coup	113¾	10-40's (regis'd)	110¾
" 1865	109¾	New 5 per cents	110¾
5-20's 1867	112¾	10-40's coupons	111¾

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Central	100	Ohio & Mississippi	6¾
Erie	9¾	Union Pacific	67
I. C.	61¾	Toledo & Wabash	6¾
C. C. & I. C.	2¾	Harlem	139
Pitts. Ft. W. & C.	91	Indiana Coal	5¾
Lake Shore	64¾	American Express	57¾
Del., Lackawanna & Western	97¾	U. S. Express	50
Northwestern com	39¾	Quicksilver	15
Do. Pref	80¾	Fort Wayne	101¾
Rock Island	109	Marietta & Nt.	11¾
Cleve. & Pitts	90¾	Panama	122
Pacific Mail	24¾	Iron Mountain	12
Western Union Tel	106¾	Del. & Hudson	16¾
Delaware, L. & W.	49¾	Del. & Hudson	—

Robinson Bros furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board.

P. R. R.	44¾	Cen. Trans (B)	28
Reading (8)	12¾	Empire do. (B)	49¾
C. Coa. & N. J. (B)	16¾	Cen. Pacific (B)	16¾
Oil Creek (B)	6¾	P. C. & St. L.	75 (B 81)
Lehigh Valley (B)	45	N. Pacific bonds (B)	85¾

NEW YORK, February 12, 1877.

Money easy at 3@4, prime mercantile paper 4@4½. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $118,009. The customs receipts were $607,000. The clearings were $22,000,000. Sterling was weak at 483¾@484¾. Gold opened at 105¾, and closed at 105¾, with sales in the Interim at 105¾. The carrying rates were 2¾ to 5, closing at 4. Silver at London is 57¾ pence. Here silver bars are 109¾ greenbacks, and $1.20¾ gold; silver coin ¼ discount. Governments were active and a little better, except for 1868 coupons. Railroad bonds are dull. State securities are quiet. The stock market was weak, and at times demoralized. New Jersey Central was very prominent in dealings, declining from 18 to 15¾. This fresh break was due to a variety of rumors, it being reported that the bank account of the company had been attached by a judgment creditor, that the books and papers of the concern had been removed to Elizabeth, N. J., that a receiver had been appointed for the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, and that one would soon be appointed for the New Jersey Central. All of these reports could not be fully authenticated, though it is a fact that the bank account of the company has really been attached so far as one institution is concerned, although only a few thousand dollars were involved thereby. Delaware & Hudson Canal was weaker than New Jersey Central, declining from 52¾ to 49¾, and closing at 50. Northwestern common, Lackawanna & Western was the strongest of all the coal stocks, opening at 94¾, declining to 87¾, advancing to 89, and closing at 88¾. The general list was heavy and lower, with more or less pressure to sell leading shares. Western Union led the downward movement, and declined from 71¾ to 69¾, closing at 70. The decline in this stock had a depressing influence on other shares, and Northwestern common declined from 39¾ to 39¼, and preferred from 82¾ to 80¾. The transactions were 195,000 shares, of which 51,000 were Western Union, 4,000 Northwestern, 3,600 Rock Island, 4,000 St. Paul, 25,000 Lake Shore, 6,000 New York Central, 6,000 Michigan Central, 40,000 New Jersey Central, 10,000 Lackawanna, 25,000 New Jersey Central, and 11,000 Delaware & Hudson Canal.

*Government*s.—United States coupons of 1881, 113¾; 5-20s of '65, 107¾; do '65, new, 109¾; do of '67, 112¾; do of '68, 115¾; new 5s, 110¾; new 4½s, 107¾; 10-40s, 109¾@4½; compounds, 111¾@112¾.

State Bonds.—Tennessee old, 47¾; do. new, 42¾; Virginia new, 30; do. old, 30; Missouri 6's, 106.

Stocks.—Western Union Telegraph Company, 70; Quicksilver, 13¾; do preferred, 29; Pacific Mail, 24¾; Mariposa, 6¾; do preferred, 8; Adams Express, 98; American Express, 57¾; United States Express, 50; New York Central, 100; Erie, 9¾; do preferred, 18; Marietta, 10¾; do preferred, 15¾; Michigan Central, 64¾; Union Pacific, 66¾; Panama, 122; Lake Shore, 64¾; Illinois Central, 95¾; Pittsburgh, 90¾; Northwest common, 39¾; do. preferred, 80¾; C. C. & I. C., 2¾; do. preferred, 15¾; Rock Island, 109; St. Paul, 38¾; do. preferred, 48¾; Toledo & Wabash, 7¼; Fort Wayne, 101¾; Ohio & Mississippi, 6¾; do. preferred, 14; Chicago & Alton, 100; do. preferred, 110; Ohio & Mississippi, 6¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 89¾; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Company, 16¾; Missouri Pacific, 18¾; Indiana Central, 13¾; Burlington & Quincy, 113¾; Hannibal & St. Joe, 11¾; Central Pacific, 107¾; Union Pacific, 104¾; Union Pacific Land Grant, 103¾; Union Pacific Sinking Fund, 97¾.

LONDON, February 12—5 P. M.—Consols 95 15-16; 5-20s of '65, 105¾; do of '67, 106¾; 10-40s, 105¾; new 5s, 107¾. New York Central, 99; Erie, ¾; do. preferred, 19.

PARIS, February 12.—Rentes, 106f 12½c.

FRANKFORT, February 12.—United States new 5's, 104¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS—WEEKLY REVIEW.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 12, 1877.

Trade in general merchandise has been moderately active during the past week, but devoid of anything particularly important. Breadstuffs firmer, if anything, but unchanged. Groceries have undergone but little change one way or the other, and the only change in the Hog products is a slight advance on Lard. Butter continues dull with an over-supply and, with increased arrivals, Eggs have declined 5@10c per dozen. Potatoes in better supply and dull but unchanged, and the same is true of Beans. No change in Oils, with the exception of carbon, which is lower. There is rather more doing in Seeds.

PETROLEUM—The market continues fairly active, but with a supply fully up to the demand, prices are no better; may bequoted at 21¾@22 bbl for fair to choice fruit.

APPLE-BUTTER—Continues dull; quoted at 35@40c ₩ gallon in kegs and firkins.

ALES—There is no change to note in prices and trade is generally reported dull, like everything else, affected by the hard times. X ₩ ₩ bbl to the city and ₩ to country; XX ₩10; India ₩11, half bbls in proportion.

ASHES—The demand continues light and prices are easy but unchanged. Common Soda Ash, 2¼@3; refined do, 3@3¼. Nitrate Soda, 3¼@4. Pearls, 6¾@7. Potash, 5¾@6. Arsenic, 5@5½c. Manganese, 6@6½. Fluor Spar, 2@2½. Black Lead, 4@5.

BRUSHES—White Scrubbing, ₩10@11 ₩ gross. Gray, ₩11@30; White Bristle, ₩22@36; Shoe, ₩12@60; Horse (wood backs) ₩22@66; Horse (leather backs) ₩43@138; Extra white-wash, ₩36@75; Common do, ₩24 @60.

BELTING—The discount in this article and the competition are so great that manufacturers have been losing money, and to remedy this the Belt manufacturers held a National Convention, at which the following prices were unanimously adopted, and discounts reduced about 15 per cent, from that heretofore allowed. We quote:

Inch.	Per Foot	Inch.	Per Foot
1	₩ 09	5	₩ 37
1½	15	5½	39
2	21	6	69
2½	27	7	81
3	33	8	93
3½	39	10	1 17
4	45	12	1 41
4½	51	14	1 65

Discount 10 to 20 per cent, as to quality and quantity and chemical damaged.

BEANS—The demand is not so urgent, but prices are well maintained and stocks light. Prime navies, ₩2,10@2,25 ₩ bushel.

BEESWAX—In fair demand at 30@32c in lots 35c per bbl in a jobbing way.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—3¾@4 cents.

BROOM CORN—Scarce and fair for the better grades. We quote from actual sales; Choice No. 1 Hurl, 7; choice No. 2 Hurl, 6½; choice green brush that will work up, 6c; choice brush do, 5; good to fair do, 4¾@4½; good insides and covers, 4@4½; good crooked, 3@3½. Stocks here light and prices for choice green looking up.

BROOMS—There is an active demand, and our manufacturers are full of orders. We quote the advanced prices of Feb. 1st as follows:

No 3 Hurl (plain handles) red corn	₩1 10
No 4 Hurl (varnished handles) red corn	2 15
No 5 Hurl do do do	2 40
No 1 Hurl (plain handles) green corn	1 65
No 2 Hurl do do do	1 90
No 3 Hurl (painted handles) brace finish	2 25
No 4 Hurl do do velvet finish	2 50
No 5 Hurl do do do	2 75
No 6 Hurl do do do	3 00
No 3 carpet (velvet finish	3 25
No 4 carpet do do	3 50
No 5 carpet do do	3 75
No 3 Parlor (extra fine)	3 75
No 4 Parlor do do	4 00
Notel Brooms, to order	₩3 50@5 00
Toy Brooms (plain finish)	1 25@1 50
Toy do (varnished handles)	1 50@1 75
Whisks (6, 8 and and 10 inch) Velvet	1 50@1 75
Do. do. do. Plain	1 25@1 50

BUTTER—Continues to come forward freely, contrary to general expectation, and with a light demand, the supply accumulating, no demand for export and holders all anxious to sell, prices are weak and in buyers favor. It is but proper to note, however, that the great proportion of the arrivals are common in quality, and strictly choice table Butter is becoming scarcer, but as yet, even for this particular grade, there has been no improvement in prices in consequence of the abundance of the common and medium qualities. Some dealers still have hopes of being able to realize better prices within the next week or two, but the outlook is not as favorable as it usually is at this season of the year. Prime to choice rolls quoted at 20@23c; extra do, 24@25c; medium to fair, 18@19; inferior, 14@17.

CRANBERRIES—The supply is light, but prices remain unchanged; ₩8@11 ₩ bbl.

CRACKERS—Demand active and prices advanced.

Water Crackers	6¾
Soda "	6¾
Butter "	6¾
Oyster "	15¾
Lemon Biscuit	11
Sugar Crackers	9¾

CIDER—Is quoted nominally at ₩4 ₩ bbl—bbls included.

CANNED GOODS—Following are the current jobbing rates:

2 ₩ Peaches	₩2 25	2 ₩ Pears	₩2 00
3 ₩ Pie Peaches	1 80	2 ₩ Winslow Corn	2 00
2 ₩ Blackberries	1 50	2 ₩ Tomatoes	1 90
2 ₩ Strawberries	1 75	2 ₩ Lima Beans	1 90
2 ₩ Pine Apple	2 75	2 ₩ String Beans	2 00
2 ₩ Whortleberries	2 00	2 ₩ Cherries	2 00
2 ₩ Raspberries	2 25		

CEMENT, &c.—Following are the current rates: Plaster—French's selected, ₩3.75; New York and Michigan, ₩3. Cement—Portland, ₩bbl, ₩6.50; Rosendale, ₩3d.50; Youghiogheny, New Lisbon and Louisville, ₩1.75@2; Cleveland Limo, ₩1.25. White Sand, ₩1.50.

CORDAGE & ROPE—There is a moderate demand and but no change in prices, which we annex as follows:

MANILLA ROPE.

¾ inch diameter and upwards	15¾ cts. per lb
½ "	16¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	16¾ "

SISAL ROPE

¾ inch diameter and upward	11¾ cts. per lb
½ "	12¾ "
¼ and 5-16 in. diameter	12¾ "
Hay, spoke and leather twine	11¾ "

OAKUM.

Best | ₩6 00 | C. U. S. Navy | ₩4 75

COOPERAGE—Circled Heading, 26c per sett; sawed Heading, ₩40 @45 per M; dry pail keys, 60 per gross. Jointed staves, ₩32; best Indiana bucked, ₩30; best West Virginia long bucked staves, ₩2022; rough do, ₩18@20. Oil Barrels unchanged; city make, ₩1.25; countries, ₩1.05.

CHEESE—The arrivals continue light, and the supply very steadily being reduced, although it is still equal to presently wanted, and prices remain unchanged. Stocks in first hands are very light, and reliable advices from the seaboard markets report a limited supply of prime cheese there also. Prime Ohio Factory, 14¾@14¾ cents to the wholesale trade, and 15¾@16 in a jobbing way.

COAL & COKE—The Coal trade continues quite active, both for home consumption and shipment, and in consequence of a comparatively light supply and enhanced cost of mining, prices are firmer. Coke is in fair demand but unchanged; quoted at 12, 23@2,50 per ton delivered free on cars in Pittsburgh.

DRESSED HOGS—7a8c ₩ lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Is entirely nominal. No demand whatever for apples, which are held at 6a6½c ₩ lb. Some halves Peaches offering at 12a12½c ₩ lb, but the demand is very light. Fine evaporated peeled Peaches, 22a25c ₩ lb.

DRIED PEAS—Wisconsin are in fair demand at ₩1.80 in lots, and ₩1.75 per bu to the country trade.

EGGS—The arrivals have increased considerable during the past week, and with a light demand and a strong pressure to sell, prices weakened, and, as compared with the date of our last general report, prices have declined 8@10c per doz. We now quote at 20@22c for fresh. Pickled, in consequence of the abundance of fresh, are not wanted at any price in the weather continues fine, prices will no doubt go still lower, but if it should turn cold again, they will rule higher.

FISH—Following are the current rates:

	₩ bbl.	half bbl.
Split Labrador Herring	7 50	
Hound Herring	6 00	per bbl.
White Fish		5 75
Lake Trout		4 50
Lake Pickerel		3 00
Lake Herring		2 50
Large Georges Codfish		6¾c ₩ lb
Boneless Codfish		6¾ "
Mullets, do		6¾ "
No 1 Herring		35c ₩ box
Scaled do		60c "
Ex 0 1 Mess Mackerel	₩27 00	
No 1 Shore	20 00	
No 1 Bay	18 00	
Ex No 2 Large	15 50	
No 2 Medium	11 00	
No 3 Large	10 00	
No 3 Medium	8 50	

FEATHERS—In slow demand at 51a55c.

FLOUR—There has been no change in prices during the past week, and the demand continues of a hand-to-mouth character, demonstrating that buyers are not disposed to anticipate future wants, believe, or in other words, that is can nearly be laid down here at the rates it is being sold at. Hence while those dealers who stocked up prior to the advance are doing well enough, others, less fortunate, who are buying and selling at current rates, have little or no margin for profit. The export trade continues quiet, and no improvement can be expected until prices decline on this, or advance on the other side of the ocean, and we do not see how current rates are to be maintained in this country in the absence of a brisk export trade, as our home consumption, it is scarcely probable is or will be sufficient to absorb the supply. We continue to quote choice brands of red winter and spring wheat at $7.50 in sacks and $7.75 in bbls, amber, ₩8@8.50; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, ₩9@10. Rye flour, ₩4.75@5.25.

GROCERIES—Coffee—Brazil Coffee is stronger under favorable advices from Rio Janeiro, quoting good average cargoes at 20c in bond; stock—88,000 bags; average daily receipts, 8,000 bags; the general crop estimates at 2½ million bags. The stock of Brazil Coffee in first hands in the United States was 92,273 bags; same time in 1876, 357,959 bags. Stock in second hands, 160,001 bags, against 185,878 bags, same time in 1876. The statistical position is considered favorable to owners. Java and other Asiatics ruled steady. Sugars—refined Sugars fell off on Saturday ¼@¾, the foreign demand having suddenly stopped; and, with a consequent accumulation of stocks and light demand for home consumption, prices are unsettled. Raw refining Sugar is in light supply, and firm at previous quotations. At New Orleans the market is firm at ¾c for fully fair, 8¾c for strictly prime and 9c for choice. A. Thomson & Co. quote prime N. O. Molasses at 46c, choice 50c, and both scarce, while the lower grades are in large supply at easy figures—what is called choice now was graded as strictly prime in the early part of the season. Rice hardening, and stocks being reduced by heavy purchases. Teas remain steady and firm for some descriptions, holders expressing great confidence in the present position of the market. Spices quiet. Syrups unchanged.

SUGARS.		COFFEE.	
Crushed	12 a	Roasted Rio,	
Granulated	12¾a	bulk	27¾a
Powdered	12¾a	Roasted Rio, lb	
Cut Loaf	13 a	papers	28 a
A Coffee	11¾a	Roasted Java	35 a
B Coffee	11¾a	Choice Rio	
Extra C	11 a11¾	green	25 a
Yellows	10 a10¾	Prime Rio—	
Choice N. O.	9¾a 9¾	green	24 a
Prime N. O.	9¼a 9½	Good Rio-green	23 a
		Choice Mocha—	
Chioce maple fla		green	32 a
drips	55a60	SPICES.	
Fancy maple	75a78	Pepper—ground	
Good Syrups	43a45	bulk	21 a25
Fair Syrups	40a	Pepper-in grain	18 a
Sugar House	30a	Alspice	17 a
MOLASSES.		Cloves	55 a
Choice N.O	59a60	Cinamon Bark	35 a
Prime N.O	57a58	Mustard Seed	12 a
Fair N. O	53a55	Nutmegs	@1,00
TEAS.		FOREIGN FRUITS.	
Young Hyson ¼ lb		Layer Raisins ₩ box	₩2 00
Gunpowder do	90 a	Valencia Raisins	
Imperial do	60 a	per lb	9¾a
Japan do	55 a	Seedless mats, 50 lbs	
Oolong do	45 a	to mat	5 00
Souchong	55 a	Choice new Turkey	
		Prunes	7¾a8
Choice Carolina	6¾a7	Turkey Prunes	7¾a8
Choice Louisiana	8¾a8	French Prunes	10 a15
		Currants—new	7a7¾

GRAIN—The receipts and offerings of Wheat continue meagre, and with a steady demand prices continue firm but unchanged; ₩1,45@1,50 for fair to prime Penna. and Ohio red; do. amber and white, ₩1,52@1,55. In most of the leading markets (including Chicago) prices are higher than at the date of our last report, and without any good or substantial reason apparently; speculators are certainly responsible largely for the enhanced cost of Wheat and Flour, as it is well known that they have been able of late years to manipulate, not only the markets of this country, but of the world. There is a possibility that after having unloaded these same speculators will use the same means to hammer prices down that they employed to get them up, they will sell the market down before loading up again. It is true, there is none of this manipulation in our market but its free use elsewhere has its effect here. The Oat market is firmer, and with light receipts, a reduced supply and an increasing demand, prices are tending upward; it is also worthy of notice in this connection that prices were lower here than elsewhere. We now quote mixed at 38a39c and white at 40a41c. Ear Corn is also firmer and higher in consequence of diminished arrivals; quoted at 58a62c on wharf, and 1c more on track. Shelled Corn continues quiet and unchanged; 51a52c on track. Rye in fair demand and light supply but unchanged; dealers here are paying 73a75 (cash) and selling to distillers at 80a81, time. Barley continues dull, and there is such a wide difference in quality that it is difficult to quote correctly.

HIDES—There has been less demand for Hides, both east and west, and Hides are not brisk sale; prices lower. We quote;

Green Salted Cows	7¾a 7¾
Green Salted Steers, Light	7¾a 8
Green Salted Steers, Heavy	8¾a 9¾
Green Salted Calf	10 a12
Green Butcher Cows	8a 6
Green Butcher Steers, light	7 a8
Green Butcher Steers, heavy	7 a8
Green Butcher Calf	10

HEMP—@123a127 ₩ ton for Kentucky Rough.

HOMINY—In good demand at ₩3.50 ₩ bbl in lots, and ₩3,75 in a small way.

LEATHER—The demand in general is fair, most purchasers confine themselves to immediate wants. The rough Leather is scarce and in good demand. Upper is plenty and dull sale. Harness is in fair demand, with a light supply of heavy 15 to 17 lb. Leather. Calf are slow sale and low in price. Red Sole Leather steady and market well supplied. We quote:

Oak Sole, country	0,30@0,34
Oak Sole, city	0,32@0,36
Red Sole, B.A. heav and mid	0,30@0,31
Red Sole, Oronoco and California	0,28@0,30
Red Sole, good dgd	0,26@0,28
Oak, Rough	0,24@0,28
Harness, city oak	0,33@0,35
Harness, country	0,30@0,32
Harness, No. 2 and common	0,26@0,29
Fair Skirting	0,37@0,40
Best Kip and Calf Leather ₩ doz	45@60
Best Leather	0,37@0,42
Finished Calf	0,72@1,15
Finished Upper, ₩ foot	0,26@0,30
Finished Kips	0,30@0,90

MILL FEED—Is in better supply and the inquiry is chiefly for small lots, but prices are still maintained. Bran is quoted (on track) by the carload at 17a18 ₩ ton. Seconds and Shipstuffs, ₩19 a20; Middlings, ₩20 a21; Chopped Feed, ₩21a22.

ONIONS—₩3.50a4,50 ₩ bbl, as to quality

OILS—Lard Oils are steady at ₩94@1,00 for Cincinnati double extra; 90@93c for Pittsburgh extras; No. 1 Cincinnati make, 78@83; No. 2, 65@68. Best white winter Linseed Oils, 65; yellow do., 60c. Cars ben quoted at 2@3c cents to the wholesale trade, and 1@2c additional in jobbing way.

PEACH BLOWS—Are in fair demand and are firmly held at the advance and quoted at 18a19c ₩ lb for number 1; number 2 Manilla, 7a8c; Hardware, 8¾a9c; Tea, 9a9½c; Sugar, 9¼a9½c; Rag wrapping (per bundle) Crown, 82c for medium, and 70c for double Crown, Straw Wrapping (per bundle) Crown, 72c; medium, 48c; Double Crown, 64c.

PEA-NUTS—Choice Virginia, 6¾a6¾c; choice Tennessee white, 6¾@6¾c; Red, 5¾a6c.

POTATOES—The market is pretty well stocked, and with a light demand there is an easier feeling, although holders, having faith in the future, are unwilling to make concessions, in order to effect sales. Quotable at ₩1,10a1,25 per bu, from store in a jobbing way, as to quality.

PROVISIONS—The general position of the market has not varied much since the date of our last general report; there is a fair consumptive demand, but no recent important change in prices. Our latest advices from the west, report that holders maintain a steady position and are not pressing sales, but in other words, that is can nearly be laid down here at the rates it is being sold at. Hence while those dealers who stocked up prior to the advance are doing well enough, others, less fortunate, who are buying and selling at current rates, have little or no margin for profit. The export trade continues quiet, and no improvement can be expected until prices decline on this, or advance on the other side of the ocean, and we do not see how current rates are to be maintained in this country in the absence of a brisk export trade, as our home consumption, it is scarcely probable is or will be sufficient to absorb the supply. We continue to quote choice brands of red winter and spring wheat at $7.50 in sacks and $7.75 in bbls, amber, ₩8@8.50; patent process and fancy white wheat brands, ₩9@10. Rye flour, ₩4.75@5.25.

Hams—Ex S C ₩ ₩	12¾	Lard, prime leaf, tcs	11¾
Shoulders Ex S. C	9	Do.	H'f bbls 12¾
Do. Plain	8¾	Do.	bbls 13¾
Dried Beef Ex S. C	12	Do.	5 lb caddies 14¾
Beef Tongues S. C	12	Do.	3 lb do 14
Pork	@¾	Do.	2 lb do 15
Bacon Should's new	10	Do.	5 lb do —
Short Rib Sides	10	Do.	3 lb do —
Do. Clear	10¾	Pigs feet (half bbls)	4 00
Mess Pork ₩ bbl	₩18,00	Do. (kegs)	2 00
Short Cut do	18.00	Ham Sausage	9

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 10a12c per lb; do. Turkeys, 13a15c. Live Chickens, 40a45c per pair, by the coop.

RAGS—Steady at 2¾c ₩ ₩ for good country rated.

SALT—Is quoted as follows: No. 1 Extra ₩ bbl, ₩1.20; No. 1 common, ₩1; imported Liverpool per sack, ₩2.10; 6 ₩ sacks, 80c; 2 ₩ sacks, 40c.

SEEDS—Clover Seed quotable at ₩8@8.50 per bu; Timothy, ₩2.15a2.25; Flax, ₩1.40a1.50.

TALLOW—Is easier; city quoted at 8¾c per lb; country, 7¾c.

WINDOW GLASS—Discount off western list, 50 per cent, by the car load, and 45 for smaller quantities.

WOODEN WARE—The demand is very good, and all manufacturers are behind their orders. We have no change to note in prices. "Corry Ware" is quoted at the following prices:

No. 1 3 hoop Tubs ₩ dozen	₩8 50
No. 2 3 hoop do	7 50
No. 3 2 hoop do	6 00
2 Hoop Pails ₩ doz	1 85
3 Hoop Pails ₩ doz	2 25
Iron City Wash-boards	2 25
Globe do do patent	2 50
Bound Head Clothes Pins ₩ box	60

WHITE LEAD—At a recent meeting of the western manufacturers, prices were advanced ¼ a cent; the combination rate is now 9¼c by the ton.

ALLEGHENY LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 12, 1877.

CATTLE.

The supply was small—223 head less than that of last Monday; of the 448 on sale to-day, about three-fourths were from Chicago, 2 cars from St. Louis, 4 cars from Ohio, 1 car from West Virginia and the remainder from the adjoining country. In view of the very limited supply, holders advanced ¼ to ¾ at the opening, and while the advance was maintained the market was slow, some butchers refusing to buy it, and we are cognizant of two car loads having been left over unsold. At last week's prices the yards would have been cleared early in the day, but in view of the fact that the Chicago bought cattle cost more, sellers were determined to have the increased cost, and that they were successful cannot be gainsaid.

Sales were reported at 6a6¾ for good to prime butcher cattle; 5a5¾ for medium to good, and 4a4¾ for bulls and fat cows. It is true there were cattle sold last Monday at 6¾, but they were of better quality than those sold at that figure to-day. Veal calves, 5¾a6¾, as to quality.

The stock on sale was reported as follows:

Owners.	*Where from.*	*Number*
P. G. Reynolds	Chicago	19
Gerson & Z	Chicago	61
J. Schamburg	Chicago	18
S. Lowenstein	Chicago	18
E. Katz	Chicago	18
P. Dick	Chicago	49
Marks & Bro	Chicago	49
I. Kahn	Chicago	35
B. S. Trauerman	Chicago	17
Arnold & L	Chicago	16
J. Hunter	Chicago	16
P. Schweitzar	Chicago	16
Gallger & B	Chicago	16
A. Greenwald	St. Louis	26
L. Holderman	Zanesville	2
M. Forker	West Va	2
P. Shettemanlig	Penna	2
G. Goehring	Penna	2
M. Byarly	West Va	2
E. Wolfe	Penna	10
Total		488
Total last Monday		711

CATTLE SALES.

Jacob Needy sold 3 cars of mixed Ohio cattle at 4a5¼c.

P. Shettemanlie sold 2 good fat cows (weighing 1,000 lbs) at 4¾c.

G. Goehring sold 2 common bulls at 3¾.

P. Schweitzer reported 1 car of good Chicago butcher cattle (1,300a1,400 lbs) at 6¼a6¾.

M. Byrarly, 15 head of West Va. steers—averaging about 1,100 lbs—at an average of 4¾.

E. Wolfe reported 19 head of fair Washington Co., Penna, fat cows and steers at 4¾a5c.

J. Hunter sold 19 head of common rough Ohio on commission—for Forsaker—at 4¼a4 80; 1 car of Chicago cattle—on own account—at 5¾a6¾.

Zeigler & Gerson reported 2 cars of Chicago cattle at 4¾a6¾; shipped 1 car to New York.

J. Shamberg reported 2 cars of Chicago butcher cattle (fair to prime) at 4¾a6¾.

S. Lowenstein & Co. reported 1 car of fair stock —from Chicago—at 4¾a5¾.

H. Trauerman & Son reported 20 head of common to fair cattle (weighing 1,000a1,300 lbs) at 4.80a5.75.

S. Marks & Bro. reported 3 cars of fair to prime butcher cattle (weighing 1,100a1,400) at 5¼a6¾.

A. Greenwald reported 40 head of Missouri and Kansas cattle at 4¾a5¾; 13 left unsold.

P. G. French sold 1 car common to fair butcher cattle at 4.50a5.20.

G. Hammerley sold 3 fat cows (averaging about 1,000 lbs) at 4c.

SHEEP.

The number on sale to-day was small—247 against 263 last Monday, all the best sheep were picked up early in the day, and that, too, at full prices, but common grades were dull, and even the medium qualities did not seem to be wanted by the butchers except at very low rates. M. Flitner reported 70 head at 5a5¾; P. Sheltemantle 77 head, weighing from 80 to 110 lbs, at 5a6¾; Geo. Jardine wholesaled 90, averaging about 94 or 95 lbs, to Adam Foos at 4¾; Mike Bryarly reported 20 lambs at ₩3 ₩ head.

HOGS.

The market, owing possibly to the rain, was reported dull, notwithstanding prices, as compared with this day week were a shade lower. Sales were reported in a retail way at 6¾a7¾ gross, as to quality.

FRESH COWS.

The supply was small to-day, and the market was quick at last week's prices. P. Sheltemantle sold 2 for $100, G. Goehring 2 for $100, and Andy Stakely 2 for $80.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, MONDAY, February 12, 1877.

There was a rather firmer feeling in the market for Crude to-day, but no improvement in business, which, except in speculative way, has been very dull for some weeks past. No additional strikes reported for some days, and this, too, had a reassuring effect to-day, and the feeling begins to prevail that hard pan has been reached. United certificates opened at $1,70, advanced to $2.80, and at last writing, $2.75 is bid; immediate shipment, $1,85a3.

Refined continues very dull; no demand whatever for export, and home trade is light and falling off, as it nearly always does at this season of the year. It is probable that the exporters will be in the market before long buying. We quote at 20a21c by the carload to home trade buyers, and 1a2c additional for smaller lots.

Oil Barrels continue very dull, but prices are maintained; countries, $1,05; city make, $1,25.

RECEIPTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R.R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
S. Craig	Riverside o w	480
S. Craig	Star o w	82
R. B. Sprout	H U Vandivort	464
J. Bushnell	Crystal o w	80
Total		1,107

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

CHICAGO, February 12, 1876.

FLOUR—Fair demand.

GRAIN—Wheat moderately active and higher; No. 2 Chicago spring, ₩1,37; No. 2 regular ₩1,31¾ cash; ₩1,32¾ March; ₩1,33¾ April; No. 3 ₩1,19a1,20; rejected ₩1,04@1,05. Corn fairly active and a shade higher; 41¾c cash; 41¾@41¾c March; rejected 35½c. Oats firm; 35¾@35¾c cash; 35¾c March; 36¼c April; rejected 27½@28c Rye firm at 70c. Barley quiet

HOME NEWS.

Continued northeast winds, veering to easterly, colder, followed by warmer, partly cloudy weather and rising barometer, are indicated for to-day.

Roger O'Mara's Case.

A partial hearing took place yesterday morning before Alderman Burke in the case of Roger O'Mara, who is charged by ex-Chief of Police Hartzell with being accessory before and after the fact to the robbery of Boggs & Buhl's store, in Allegheny. No evidence worth publishing was adduced. A few witnesses were examined, but their testimony was but little more than what is already known. A further hearing will be held to-morrow morning.

Amusements.

"The Shaughraun" at the Opera House last night was an eminent success in every respect, and especially as regards Boucicault's impersonation of *Conn*.

Our readers should not forget the entertainment to be given at Library Hall this evening by the Tronbadours for the benefit of the Home for the Friendless. The concerts of this organization are very popular, and as the object to which the proceeds are to be devoted is a worthy one the performance should be well patronized.

The Lilliputian Comic Opera Company will commence a week's engagement at Library Hall next Monday.

Pittsburghers Winning Success Abroad.

The *Parker City Daily* of Saturday, in speaking of the rendition of the drama "The Lady of Lyons," at the Opera House at that place on Friday night by the Shakspeare Club, of Pittsburgh, says: "Although an amateur troupe, their rendering of the play showed the great study that each had given to his or her part, and the natural aptitude that each possessed for historical art. Mrs. Sadler as Pauline was a decided success, while Mr. Jas. R. Weir as Claude Melnotte made a great hit. Mr. Alexander McFarland as Col. Damas, also took his part well, and Mr. Chas. E. Lins as Glavis, made the beau-ideal of a dandy. Our limited space prevents us from noticing all the details, but the entire company, as an amateur troupe, are worthy of the highest commendation."

A TRANSFER.

The W. U. Telegraph Company Loose Three Thousand Miles of Line—A Transfer to the A. & P. Company.

The entire system of telegraph lines and offices of the B. & O. Railroad Company and branches, from Baltimore to Cincinnati were yesterday transferred from the Western Union Telegraph Company to the Atlantic & Pacific Company, giving the latter the benefit of one hundred and forty additional offices and over three thousand miles of wire heretofore in the southern division of the Western Union Company. This gives the A. & P. Company four independent routes from the sea board west, with numerous cross lines.

DROWNED IN THE OHIO.

An Occupant of a Heavily Loaded Skiff Goes Down to Death.

Shortly after noon yesterday Patrick Duffey and Thomas Nash loaded a small flat boat with coal taken from one of the barges sunk at the head of Brunot's Island several weeks ago. As soon as the boat was full they pushed it off and started towards Allegheny City. When near the middle of the channel the river became so rough, caused by the high wind blowing at the time, that the boat filled with water in a few minutes and sank. Nash got hold of a small box that was in the boat, and with it kept himself above water until he was rescued by a skiff that put off to the assistance of both men. Duffey, however, was not so fortunate. He was drowned before the skiff could reach him. Up to late hour last evening his body had not been recovered. He resided on Strawberry lane, Allegheny, and leaves a wife and three children.

WHO WILL THEY BE?

General Interest Centering in To-day's Political Conventions.

The Republican nominating conventions meet this forenoon, and it is impossible to predict who will be the nominees, so far at least as two of the offices are concerned. All the candidates claim greater strength than their opponents concede them, and contests both brisk and interesting may be expected for the Mayoralty and Treasurership. If they should prove otherwise those who are now taking an active part in the fray will doubtless confess that they were deceived. The ropes were being tied yesterday, and they will not lack for willing hands to pull them to-day. The Mayoralty Convention will meet at the Academy of Music, and will be called to order by Mr. Lambie. The Treasurer's Convention will be convened at Lafayette Hall by Thos. S. Bigelow. Controller Snodgrass will be renominated by acclamation in the Select Council chamber. All the bodies will meet at eleven o'clock.

THE ETNA PRATRICIDE.

The Coroner's Investigation—George Siepert Committed for Trial.

Coroner Thomas held an inquest yesterday evening on the body of Charles Seipert, who was killed at Etna on Saturday morning, an account of which was published in the GAZETTE of yesterday. A large number of witnesses were examined, but there were no facts elicited not published in our report of yesterday. The testimony all tended to show that both men had been drinking, and that they had quarreled; that Charles attacked his brother with a chair, when the latter ran to the bar room, and securing a revolver fired, the shot taking effect in the right breast, passing through the right lung, from the effects of which he died a short time afterward.

The jury found that Charles Seipert came to his death from a pistol shot, fired by his brother, George Seipert.

The Coroner lodged a commitment against George, who is in jail.

RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE.

Commencement This Evening of a Three Days' Session—Welcoming Exercises.

The Conference of the Congregational Churches of Western Pennsylvania will be held this week in the chapel of the Plymouth Congregational church, on the corner of Manhattan and Franklin streets, Allegheny. The welcoming services will be held this evening and will be of an interesting nature, in which good music will form a part. Eminent clergymen, of both this State and Ohio, will be present. The Conference will be in session on Wednesday, and will close on Thursday evening with a meeting for the children. The programme of business and for discussion will extend over a wide range, including an address of welcome and response with music as noted; this evening devotional exercises, election of officers, reports of churches and of committees, and discussion on various interesting topics. These will be continued and concluded on Thursday evening.

MORE OPPOSITION.

Another Expression Against Any New School Laws.

The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted last night at a meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Oakland sub-district, Fourteenth ward:

WHEREAS, We learn through the public prints that several bills, making important changes in our public school system, have been offered at the present session of our State Legislature, and their passage requested; and, whereas, we, as a School Board, deem it our duty to give an expression of our views relative to these proposed changes, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we earnestly protest against the passage of all or any of the bills referred to, and especially that known as "Harper's School Bill," and we hereby respectfully request our representatives at Harrisburg to oppose all bills sent to them by individual members of local or of the Central Board of Education, unless such bill or bills shall first have been submitted to a convention of the several local boards called for that purpose, and approved by the Central Board of Education, believing, as we do, that the present school laws are amply sufficient for the purposes they were intended, and that interference therewith would be detrimental to the cause of public education.

Resolved, That our representative to the Central Board of Education is hereby requested to act in conformity with the foregoing resolution.

Best on Brown Bread, fresh twice a week, at 18 Fifth avenue.

W. C. Cooke, if elected, can gave his time and attention to city affairs, is not fortunate enough to be troubled with big contracts or the emoluments of a snug situation.

SPRING STYLES.

HATS! HATS!! HATS!!!

At Fleming & Ogleyee's, 139 Wood Street.

The above firm have just received a complete line of Spring Styles of Hats and Caps, of the newest shapes and colors, which are being sold out at the lowest prices.

One Price System strictly adhered to.

FLEMING & OGLEVEE,
139 Wood street.

THE SCAFFOLD.

The Execution of Wm. Green Yesterday.

A Colored Fratricide's Expiation of his Crime—He Goes Bravely to his Doom—The Quickest Death by Hanging on Record, &c., &c.

"Thou shalt not commit murder," is the Divine injunction. "A life for a life" is the epitome of human laws. William Green broke the law, and yesterday upon the scaffold paid the penalty of his deed. So much has been published recently in reference to him and his crime, that it is almost supererogatory to give a *resume* of the case. Still a brief review may not be amiss.

A few years ago Samuel Marshall, a half-brother of Wm. Green, the murderer, and the victim of his unbridled passion, came to this country. Soon after Green followed. They had not been here long when an arrangement was made between them to bring the entire family here. According to this arrangement Green brought from Virginia his mother, his brother and his wife, at his own expense. They all lived together amicably, in a small house near Mansfield, for a few months, until a quarrel occurred between Green and Marshall in reference to the ownership of the furniture. The quarrel resulted in Green leaving the house, and living with his wife about a mile distant. Two or three suits before a Justice of the Peace ensued between Green and Marshall, which increased the ill will between them. On the evening of September 4th, 1875, Green passed the house where his mother and half-brother lived, and Green seeing Marshall asked him what he intended to do about a patch of potatoes in which they claimed mutual interest. Marshall replied in a way to add to the anger of Green. Several words passed between them, and at length Marshall left the house and started toward Green with a small iron poker in his hand. What actually transpired after Marshall left the door of the house is unknown, except from the result of the meeting and the statement of Green. The latter says that Marshall struck him with the poker, and he gave back the blow by striking Marshall with the gun which he carried. He says that Marshall again came at him with the poker and dared him to shoot, and it was then that he fired. Marshall dropped instantly, and was dead when his friends reached him.

THE FLIGHT AND THE TRIAL.

Green instantly left the scene of the murder, went home, changed his clothes, left his gun, and sought refuge in flight. He went to Ohio first and then returned to Leet township, where he was arrested four days after the occurrence. On the 14th day of December, 1875, he was placed on trial in the Criminal Court, Judges Sterrett and Stowe on the bench. It was proven during the trial that he had made threats against Marshall's life; upon this fact and the one that he called to see Marshall with a loaded gun in his possession, was based the theory that the killing was premeditated, and therefore a verdict of murder in the first degree was contended for. The jury after being out for over twenty-four hours, returned a verdict in manner and form as indicted. A motion for a new trial was made immediately upon the rendering of the verdict. The motion was argued and overruled, and on the 8th day of July last Judge Sterrett sentenced the prisoner to be hanged. On the 13th of July Governor Hartranft signed the death warrant, and fixed the day of execution for September 8th, 1876. The case was carried to the Supreme Court on a writ of error, but after argument the decision of the lower court was affirmed. Again the Governor issued a death warrant, fixing the date for February 13th, 1877. His case was then taken before the Board of Pardons, at the instance of the County Prison Society, and after a full hearing of the case the Board on Friday last refused to grant a commutation of the sentence. After Saturday morning Green knew there was no longer hope for him, and he became resigned to his fate.

PREPARING FOR DEATH.

Some months since the doomed man gave himself into the hands of Capt. Samuel Fallwood, Mr. J. R. Spencer and Rev. Dermitt, his spiritual advisers. Up to the time of having his first death warrant read to him he had been making some advancement in learning to read, but from that time on so unnerved that he forgot what he had already learned, and made no further attempts to study, depending entirely upon what was read and told to him. He some time ago professed faith in Christianity and a firm hope that he was redeemed. This belief, as will be noted, he also reiterated upon the scaffold yesterday.

The day of yesterday's morn came in clouds and bleak dullness that presaged a fitting accompaniment to the solemnity of the dread ordeal. Shortly before ten o'clock a drizzling rain began to fall and continued until about half-past 12. Usually crowds of people congregate about the Court House square early in the morning on a day of execution, and continue to linger in the neighborhood until long after the demands of the law are fulfilled; but yesterday there did not appear to be nearly so much interest manifested as on former occasions. The city authorities, guided by knowledge formerly acquired, had placed a strong force of police in the neighborhood of the Court House yard, but their services were little needed. At no time the crowd outside the walls numbered over 300 persons, and what was of these was an idle one.

The scaffold—the same one upon which all the executions in the county during the last four years have taken place—was erected in the space between the Sheriff's office and the Common Pleas Court No. 1. A close board fence sixteen feet high was put up from the corner of the Court House to the wall of the Sheriff's office, completely shutting out the view from the outside. Owing to the unusual delay in regard to the final decision of the Pardon Board up to Saturday the preparations for the hanging were not completed until yesterday at nearly ten o'clock. At that hour everything was declared to be in readiness. An improvement upon former executions was the placing of a large bag of sawdust under the beam to prevent the noise usually occasioned by its fall, and a quantity of loose sawdust was placed on the floor of the scaffold to receive the supports of the trap without noise.

HIS LAST HOURS.

Up to Friday evening the doomed man had rested well, but on that night, in conformity with the prison rules, he was removed from the cell which he had before occupied and placed in another, which had the effect of disturbing his rest. On Saturday night, however, he slept well. During the greater portion of Sunday Messrs. Fallwood and Spencer were with him. On Sunday evening he retired about ten o'clock and slept soundly until nearly one. At that time Warden Smith entered the cell, and Green awaking conversed for about half an hour in a cheerful manner. He again went to sleep, guarded by Patrick Kerrigan and Scotty Ward, and did not awake until about six o'clock in the morning. At eight o'clock yesterday forenoon Rev. Dermitt went into his cell, and remained until the hour of execution. At half-past ten Messrs. Fullwood and Spencer also visited him, and the sacrament was administered to him. About eleven o'clock on Saturday his wife, who had not been with him for two weeks, left the jail and was shown into his cell, she having come in response to a request from him. She staid about an hour. At half-past ten yesterday she again called. As she entered, Green suggested that all those in the cell kneel in prayer. This was done, Green making the prayer himself. Throughout her presence, she wept profusely. She remained until half-past 11, when Green bade her good-bye, gave her a little testament to remember him, and she left. No other persons than those mentioned were allowed to see him.

At fifteen minutes to twelve o'clock the Sheriff, who was in the jail office, requested all who were not entitled to remain to step outside, which was immediately done. Sheriff Fife, deputies Pearson and McDonough, Warden Smith, and Dr. McKelvy, Fife and Gilmore, repaired to Green's cell. They found Mr. McDermitt praying, and upon the conclusion of his prayer Warden Smith stepped forward and pinioned the prisoner's arms. A few minutes before 12 o'clock the march to the scaffold was commenced.

AT DEATH'S THRESHOLD.

Up the stairs from the jail office into the Criminal Court room, through the room to the hallway, down the stairs to the door leading to the Sheriff's office, and out into the yard, the procession slowly moved. As the little band emerged from the door into the yard, headed by the Sheriff, Rev. Dermitt on one side of the prisoner was solemnly praying. The yard was about two-thirds filled with spectators, and all the windows of the Court House and Sheriff's office looking into the space, were occupied by eager sight-seers. The moment the prisoner appeared every hat was raised. Slowly, but with a firm tread and a steadfast look, the prisoner walked down the steps and around to the foot of the scaffold, and, without pausing or flinching for a moment, and without aid, he ascended the platform from which he was to take his last look in life. Just as his foot touched the top step of the dread structure, the last quavering reverberation of the stroke of noon on the great bell of City Hall died out, and with it the death the last lingering vestige of hope in the heart of the doomed man was quenched.

Turning to Green the Sheriff asked him if he wished to say anything. For a moment the prisoner's voice failed him, but only for a moment, and turning to the people he in a firm but low and solemn tone proceeded to make an address that he had apparently prepared beforehand. His voice was scarcely audible a dozen feet away from the scaffold, but the most of what he said was understood by his listeners. He professed full confidence and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, and exhorted those present to put their faith in God as he had done. He thanked Warden Smith, Capt. Fullwood, Rev. Dermitt, Mr. Spencer, the Sheriff, and all the officers of the jail for their kindness to him. In conclusion he said the Lord Jesus Christ was waiting to receive his soul and his heart was fixed on him. He had nothing against anybody.

All those on the scaffold then knelt and Rev. Dermitt made a short but earnest and appropriate prayer. Arising all shook hands with the prisoner and bade him good-bye, and the scaffold was cleared.

THE DEED DONE.

At exactly six minutes after 12 o'clock the Sheriff touched the trigger, the trap fell, and William Green's soul was sent into the dark and boundless realms of the Beyond, to meet his God and his victim. For a few moments there were scarcely perceptible tremors of the limbs, then one convulsive shudder, and the body hung limp and quiet. When he left the cell his pulse was at 100; the first minute after the drop fell it was at 74; two minutes after 110; at three minutes 180; at four minutes 132; at five minutes 52; at six minutes 60 and faint; at six and one-fourth same; at seven very faint; at eight same; at nine almost imperceptible; at nine and one-fourth pulse ceased entirely. At twenty-three minutes past 12 o'clock, just 17 minutes from the time the drop fell, the body was taken down, being up a shorter time than ever known before. The coffin furnished by Mr. Devore was ready at the scaffold, and into it the body was placed and carried to the Sheriff's office. Drs. McKelvy, Gilmore, Fife, Estep and others made a superficial examination of the remains, from which they were satisfied that while the neck had not been dislocated the spinal cord had been severed, causing an instantaneous cessation of sensation. The physicians desired to make a *post mortem* examination of the remains, but Mr. Spencer, to whom Green willed his body, would not permit it. Green expressed a wish to be buried, and Mr. Spencer promised to see that his wish is carried out.

HIS WIFE.

At the Union Depot yesterday at noon, the wife of the man who was at that moment expiating his crime by paying the forfeit of his own life, was noticed crying and sobbing in a secluded corner. She attracted much attention, as it was soon known who she was. In conversation with several persons while she was waiting for the train to take her to Hulton station, where she is now living, she insisted that her husband had killed Marshall in self-defense. She believed that if her husband had been possessed of money and friends he would never have been convicted.

Yesterday afternoon Green handed to Warden Smith a small account book in which were charged various small sums due him from different parties. These accounts he willed to his mother, in order that she may collect them for her own benefit.

The suit in which Green was hung was a new one, which was just completed for him at eight o'clock yesterday morning. It was a black broadcloth, and neat fitting.

THE COURT RECORD.

Proceedings in the Several Courts Saturday.

U. S. District Court.

JUDGE KETCHAM.

Morgan H. Hunnel, of Waynesburg, Greene county, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy.

John Spear, bankrupt, Allegheny City, discharged from bankruptcy.

Felix Beck, bankrupt, Blair county. Assignee's account referred to Register Brotherline to make and report the distribution of the balance in the hands of the assignee.

Bennett & Williams, bankrupts, city. Assignee ordered to pay Library Hall Company $508.33 for rent, and $168.49, the claim for heating, is referred to Register Shafer, to take testimony and report to the court.

Rogers and Burchfield, bankrupts, city. The return day of rule to show cause why schedule should not be amended, extended to 24th inst.

Joseph M. Reece et al., filed a petition in bankruptcy against Nehemiah Reece, of Buckhorn, Columbia county.

Nathan Corey, bankrupt, Erie. Order for sale of real estate.

John Andrews, of Butler county, discharged from bankruptcy.

U. S. Circuit Court.

JUDGE MCKENNAN.

On motion of Samuel Dickson, of Philadelphia, Edward Clark, Benjamin Williams and W. H. Tillinghast were appointed receivers of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, after filing a bond in the sum of $300,000. An injunction was granted restraining all parties from interfering with said receivers in taking possession, and in the transaction of all business connected with their duties.

Criminal Court.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs.

Robt. Thompson,	J. Rollman,
John Elder,	J. Kemp,
John Kelley,	H. A. Gibbon,
P. Rosenstiel,	W. Armstrong,
George Hunter,	Dan'l Jackson et al.
J. Sloan,	Wm. Thompson,
M. Krail,	Reuben Rogers,
P. Dougherty,	R. W. Berkstresser,
M. Koch,	Joseph Fleming,
J. E. Leddle,	T. I. Keenan.

Legal Notes.

D. H. PITTMAN brought suit before United States Commissioner McCandless against the steamer Carrie Brooks for wages. Summons issued.

OBITUARY.

Death of Archibald Leggett, an Old Time Pittsburgher.

On Friday, January 12th, 1877, Mr. Archibald Leggett, a venerable and prominent citizen of Ripley, Brown county, Ohio, died at the ripe age of 81. Mr. Leggett was born January 18, 1796, in Washington county, Pa., 16 miles from Pittsburgh. He was the youngest child of Robert and Isabella Leggett. His mother was a sister of John Darragh, the first Mayor of Pittsburgh, some of whose descendants are still among us. His ancestry were of the Scotch Irish type, a people distinguished for their sterling qualities. Archibald, having casually broken his arm at the age of 15, and thus disqualified for farm work, he came to Pittsburgh and took a position in a grocery store. In 1815 he entered the branch of the U. S. Bank as Teller and Accountant. In 1821 he was obliged, by ill health to relinquish his place in the bank. The bank, in recognition of his skill and fidelity voted him an extra half year's salary. Soon after he embarked on a keel boat for Limestone (now Maysville, Ky.) to visit a friend. His health grew better and he engaged for a year in the commission business at Limestone, where, on the 13th of February, 1823, he married Miss Judith Field Taylor, and by persuasion of his wife's friends commenced the study of law. He had been a studious youth and was familiar with English classics and history, ancient and modern, and could read and write French language with fluency. After his admission to the bar he removed in February, 1825, to Ripley, Ohio. He did not develope much fondness for the practice of law, probably owing to the strong religious cast of his mind, and while not wholly relinquishing the law, he engaged in 1830 in mercantile pursuits. In 1849 he purchased the interest of his partner in business, and so became sole owner of a lucrative business. In 1840 the Farmers' branch of the State Bank of Ohio was established at Ripley, and Mr. L. was its President. He took a leading part in educational, religious, and every public matter of interest and advantage to his town and country. "His was a long, practical, uniform, steady as the polar star, and noiseless as the light of day." For three or more of the last years of his life he was a great sufferer from a disease that yielded neither to medical science nor tender and assiduous nursing. At last, life went out gradually, peacefully as a wave dies along the shore. There were no raptures, but a deep peace in his death scene. Arrests from his labors and his works do follow him.

SHOT IN THE EYE.

John Frew the Victim—One Eye Saved.

Mr. John Frew, late of Boone county, Iowa, not far from Council Bluffs, while out hunting with his brother in a grove, became separated, and the brother seeing a bird, shot at it, not knowing he was in that direction, but he happened to be some forty yards distant. One of the small shot penetrated the left eye at the junction of the white with the cornea, where pain followed, but he persisted in work until the other eye, three months later, became so weak and painful he had to stop. Hearing of Dr. Sadler, the oculist, of this city, whose skill has become known far and near, he started at once, arriving at his father's, Thomas Frew, Church Hill, Trumbull county, Ohio, Tuesday night, and, in company with his father, arrived at the doctor's Wednesday afternoon. The doctor found evidence of the shot being still in the eye and the other eye in a state of severe sympathetic inflammation, the iris having adhered to the lens capsule, and quite painful. Extirpation of the wounded eye was the only hope, which was done the same night at seven and a half o'clock. The patient is suffering no pain, and the improvement in the other eye is surprising, the inflammation having nearly all disappeared already, and he is again able to read. They returned home on Monday last.

W. C. Cooke has always voted in Council against ringsters and jobbers, and has not made any money by fat contracts.

Elegant Parlor Suits.

A very excellent and cheap assortment of the latest styles of furniture, at the lowest prices in the city at James Millikin & Co.'s, 29 Smithfield street.

W. C. Cooke has a clear record in Council.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

A Young Woman Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Abortion the Cause of Death—A Prominent Wylie Avenue Physician Accused of Performing the Operation—A Fifth Ward Alderman Implicated—Investigation and Verdict.

The ears of scandal mongers were on the *qui vive* yesterday, in consequence of a report that Mary Kavenaugh, a young woman, 23 years of age, whose parents reside on Marion street, had died at a house on Duquesne Way, under circumstances of a very suspicious nature, as it was alleged that her death was caused by an abortion. The names of a prominent and heretofore respectable physician, and one of the leading aldermen of this city, were used in connection with the affair, to the effect that the former had performed the operation, which resulted in a

DOUBLE MURDER,

While the other, if not procuring the commission of the act, was at least cognizant of it. How far these reports were true will be ascertained by the testimony taken before the Coroner, which we append. The facts in the case, briefly stated, are that on Thursday, the 1st of February, Mary Kavenaugh left her home on Marion street, informing her mother that she would be absent a week, that she was going to take care of a house for a lady who was going on a visit. The next the parents hear of the girl was on Friday morning, the 9th instant, when they were informed of her death by Father Ryan and Father Reardon, who, it appears, had been sent for to see the girl a short time before she died. It was then ascertained that the girl had died at No. 28 Duquesne way, and in the midst of the inquiry the physician who was called to attend her after she had been removed to the place stated, informed the coroner of the case, and started that official on a tour of investigation.

THE INQUEST.

A jury was summoned and, after viewing the body, adjourned until last evening, when the following testimony was taken:

Mary Ann Kavenaugh, sworn—Am the mother of Mary Kavenaugh; she left home about seven o'clock Thursday evening a week; did not see her again until I saw her dead Friday morning about three o'clock; do not know the cause of her death; she had a slight cold when she left home; no doctor attending her when she left home to my knowledge; do not know whether she was pregnant or not when she left home; she was not under the care of Liberty street; she told me when I last saw her that she was going to be away for a week, to keep house for a lady who was going to Philadelphia; do not know the man's name she worked for; it was a tobacco store on Liberty street; do not know what doctor attended her; did not know she was sick until Father Ryan and Father Reardon informed me of her death.

Joseph Kavenaugh, sworn: Resides on Marion street; am the father of Mary Kavenaugh; do not know when she left home; she often left home in the evenings and I did not know where she went; the last time I saw my daughter alive was last Thursday week; she told me she was going to attend to a sick woman; did not know of her being sick before she left home; saw her washing the dog before she left home.

Dr. Joseph Morrow—Was called to attend Mary Kavenaugh in consultation with Dr. Bingaman; went twice with the attending physician; was not the attending physician, only consulting physician; was called the first time Tuesday morning; found the lady sick suffering from inflamation of the womb; the inflamation was produced by a miscarriage—abortion; from what I know, I don't think the abortion was produced in the house where I saw the patient; could not tell how the abortion was produced; my partner was called on the Friday previous; I don't think there was any other physician attending her after my partner was called; do not know of the knowledge of any other physician attending her; the girl made no statement to me or to anyone else in my presence.

Dr. Bingaman, sworn—Was called to attend Kate Kavenaugh, was called on Friday morning, February 2, when I arrrived there the woman was in labor; prescribed for her, and called in the course of two hours after; left the city by the East End Gas Company for the year 1877, or until another contract is made. Passed.

MR. KERR, from the Ordinance Committee, presented an ordinance prescribing the duties of Superintendent of Gas Consumers and fixing his salary at $400 a year, an increase of $100. The title of the bill was read as to provide for the appointment of a Gas Meter Clerk, and it went over for printing again.

MR. MACCONNELL, from the Road Committee, submitted an ordinance changing the grade of Second avenue between Murphy street and a point 300 feet west of Murphy street. The bill provoked an oratorical display of some duration, but was defeated on final passage.

Also, an ordinance for opening Center avenue, from Neville street to Liberty avenue. Lost for the want of a legal majority.

Also, an ordinance for the opening of Reservoir avenue, from River avenue to Highland avenue reservoir, on which the rising mains from the pumping-house to the basin. Referred to the Board of Viewers.

Also, an ordinance for the assessment of the cost of the bridge over Negley's Run, on the line of Lincoln avenue. Passed.

Also, an ordinance for the assessment of the cost of the bridge over Boundary street, on the line of Forbes street. Mr. MACCONNELL explained that the city had issued her bonds for the payment of this bridge, and that the passage of the ordinance was necessary in order for the collection of the money from the property benefited. Notwithstanding the explanation of a number of members refused to vote and the ordinance failed.

Also, an ordinance for the assessment of damages caused by the grading of Ridge Union street from Thirty-third street to Roup street. Passed.

MR. KERR, from the Committee on Legislation, presented a resolution requesting our representatives in the Legislature to oppose in the present shape the passage of the bill now before the Senate in relation to the collection of taxes. Passed.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

W. B. NEGLEY.....President.
GEORGE BOOTH.....Clerk.

Common Council met at 2 o'clock P. M., President Negley in the chair.

Members present: Messrs. Belfore, Blume, Dierst, Egan, French, Fennerty, Foley, Gallagher, Hanlon, Johnston, Kinzer, Kemler, Kirchner, Kohne, Miller, R. M. McClarran, Newton McClarran, McCafferty, Nantker, Neeb, O'Donnell, Pier, Ra bauser, Rea, Schwarm, Voskamp, Wainwright, Wamhoff, Weisser and President Negley.

MR. VOSKAMP moved that the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting be dispensed with, which motion was decided in the negative, and the minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and approved.

MR. HIGGINS presented a petition making inquiry relative to the fees of the City Treasurer, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

MR. R. M. MCCLARRAN, a petition that the Nineteenth ward Station house be repaired. Referred to the Committee on City Property.

MR. N. MCCLARRAN, a petition from sundry persons asking for the refunding of over paid taxes. Referred to the Committee on Appeals.

MR. DIERST presented an ordinance asking for the opening of a street to intersect the Shalerville road. Referred to the Committee on Streets.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

MR. THOMPSON presented the report of the Street Committee, which was received and filed.

The following business accompanied the reports, all of which passed finally:

A resolution authorizing a warrant to be drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John O'Keef for $57 for sewer castings.

An ordinance for opening Hill street, from Brownsville avenue to Bailey's lane.

An ordinance for opening Forty-seventh street across the track of the A. V. R. R.

An ordinance authorizing the assessment of damages for the opening of Locust street from Shingess street to Miltenberger street.

An ordinance for the construction of a board walk on Knox avenue from Brownsville avenue to the city line.

MR. AULL presented the report of the Survey Committee, which was read and accepted.

MR. NEEB presented the report of the Police Committee which was read and accepted.

MR. PIER presented the report of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, which was read and accepted.

MR. REMLEIN presented the report of the Committee on Monongahela Wharf, which was read and accepted.

MR. PIER presented the report of the Committee on Printing, which was read and accepted.

MR. RAHUSER presented the report of the Committee on Railroads, which was read and accepted.

MR. DIERST presented the report of the Committee on Appeals, which was read, accepted, and the following resolutions passed finally:

A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to refund taxes over paid by sundry persons.

A resolution recommending the Treasurer to exonerate certain persons from the payment of taxes.

All business from Select Council was concurred in.

W. C Cooke is not burdened with a fat pocketbook to make any promises.

GATHERING THE FRUIT.

Best Means of Preserving Temperance Work Results.

An Earnest Meeting Last Night at the Old Home — Differences of Opinion as Regards the Temperance Union — Assemblages at Various Other Points.

A meeting was held last night at the Fifth Avenue Methodist church for the purpose of adopting measures looking toward the re-organization of the Young Men's Temperance Union, which brought Mr. Murphy to this city, and under the control of which he has accomplished such incalculable good. It is pretty generally known among those who take an interest in the temperance movement that there is some difference of opinion between Mr. Murphy and Mr. W. C. Moreland on one side, and Dr. Wood and others on the other side, in regard to the best method of proceeding in the important matter of securing the fruits of the work that has been done in this city. The various conflicting rumors on this subject it is hardly worth while to give. In opening the meeting last night Mr. Murphy read a chapter from the Bible and Dr. Scovel offered up a prayer. Most of the persons present were men. Two or three score of ladies occupied the gallery, but the first floor was devoted to the sterner sex exclusively. A hymn was sung, and then Mr. Murphy stated that the meeting had been called at the instance of the Young Men's Temperance Union, and that Dr. Scovel and Chancellor Wood, representing the Union, would submit the business. Rev. Scovel then stepped forward and stated that it was the expectation that Dr. Wood would offer any explanation that might conduce to a better understanding of affairs, but unfortunately that gentleman was not present. The speaker then referred to the necessity of united action in the temperance work, and upheld the necessity of a central body, such as now exists, with auxiliary organizations. The work of the Young Men's Temperance Union was done quietly previous to the arrival of Mr. Murphy, but the magnitude of the movement has assumed such proportions that it now requires an increase in the breadth and scope of the Union.

WHAT IS PROPOSED.

The four central wards of the city it is proposed shall compose or form the central organization. There are now twenty-five to thirty ward or auxiliary organizations. There will be a meeting of representatives of all at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, on Sixth avenue, on Thursday evening. The business for that meeting will be to choose central officers and to make better arrangements for extended work. It is proposed that the central organization shall have the main headquarters, its Holy Tree inn, and through it to the auxiliary societies the work will be done. It seemed to the speaker that this was the critical time in the work. All who have been redeemed must be aided and counselled, and the fruit must be garnered and held. God has been too good, and we must gather the harvest or we will be unfaithful to the trust. If we do not make this a continuous and a prosperous work we will be to blame. There must be labor, self-denial, persistence to reap the harvest. There has never been a work done without effort, and, while at times this work seems to be spasmodic, it must and will make steady progress. The speaker believed that those who had been redeemed from evil habits and the well-disposed people would aid if the work is made simple and becomes understood. It is a long work before us, but like the putting down of the rebellion, it is now sure.

THE CRITICAL HOUR.

Mr. W. C. Moreland said that he believed the critical hour of this temperance movement had come. It needs organization and carefully prepared plans of labor to secure the fruits of the work. He expressed his willingness to aid the cause in any and every way for the general good. It was evident to him that something must be done at once. Only the greatest good to the greatest number and no personal interest should be thought of. No rock ought to be allowed to stand in the way, and if an obstacle should be found it ought to be removed at once. He hoped that the good counsels would prevail, but he wanted it understood that the Union must not stand in the way. All should unite and go shoulder to shoulder in the work, prompted by a determination to succeed.

ALL SIGNERS NOT TAKEN IN.

Prefacing his speech with the statement that he had no lobby of his own, and no personal aggrandizement in view, Mr. Murphy pitched into the work that had been done in this city. The various conflicting rumors on this subject it is hardly worth while to give. In opening the meeting last night Mr. Murphy read a chapter from the Bible and Dr. Scovel offered up a prayer. Most of the persons present were men. Two or three score of ladies occupied the gallery, but the first floor was devoted to the sterner sex exclusively. A hymn was sung, and then Mr. Murphy stated that the meeting had been called at the instance of the Young Men's Temperance Union, and that Dr. Scovel and Chancellor Wood, representing the Union, would submit the business. Rev. Scovel then stepped forward and stated that it was the expectation that Dr. Wood would offer any explanation that might conduce to a better understanding of affairs, but unfortunately that gentleman was not present. The speaker then referred to the necessity of united action in the temperance work, and upheld the necessity of a central body, such as now exists, with auxiliary organizations. The work of the Young Men's Temperance Union was done quietly previous to the arrival of Mr. Murphy, but the magnitude of the movement has assumed such proportions that it now requires an increase in the breadth and scope of the Union.

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